



PRIMARY SCHOOL RECOMMENDED READING LIST

More important than WHAT you read is THE TIME you read. Research consistently proves that reading 20 minutes a day increases your child's vocabulary, attention span, love of reading, and school success. Besides, it is just a sweet time for both the child and the adult! Here are some suggestions, but let your son or daughter's interests and enjoyment be your guide. Please include nursery rhymes, poetry, fiction and non-fiction genres in your library.

Strongly Suggested Summer Reading:

Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose
The Random House Book of Fairy Tales
The Story for Children: A Storybook Bible

Favorite Authors:

Eric Carle
Bill Martin, Jr.
Eileen Christelow
Tomie dePaola
Doreen Cronin
Jan Brett
Jane Yolen
Paulette Bourgeois (Franklin the turtle)

Popular Picture Books:

The Day the Crayons Quit (Drew Daywalt)
My Lucky Day (Keiko Kasza)
My Mouth is a Volcano (Julia Cook)

Non-Fiction:

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? (Steve Jenkins)
My Five Senses (Aliki)



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten at St. James.

Your Child is about to embark on an exciting year! Kindergarten is a year of fun and challenge. To help you get ready we are giving you some recommended reading and activities for the summer.

Books should be read for both enjoyment and practice without frustration. If your child is already a beginning reader, you can select books on their level. It is just as, if not more important to read TO your child. Hearing you read fosters a love for reading, develops comprehension, and helps them recognize the need for reading with expression.

Required Books:

Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell

Reading Makes You Feel Good by Todd Par

The Lion and the Mouse by Bernadette Watts

My Senses Help Me by Bobbie Kalman

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle *OR* Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert

Frederick by Leo Lionni

Any Book by Dr. Seuss



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO FIRST GRADE

Please read:

- *The Giving Tree** Shel Silverstein
- *My Lucky Day** Keiko Kasza
- *Henry Hodges Needs a Friend** Andy Andrews
- *Only God Can Make a Kitten** Rhonda Greene
- *Green Eggs and Ham** Dr. Seuss

Then choose at least 5 of the following books to read:

- Rainbow Fish** Marcus Pfister
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar** Eric Carle
- Skippyjon Jones** Judy Schachner
- My Best Friend** Pat Hutchins
- You Read to Me, I'll Read to You** Mary Ann Hoberman
- Make Way for Ducklings** Robert McCloskey
- Bear Snores On** Karma Wilson
- Big Red Barn** Margaret Wise Brown
- Olivia** Ian Falconer
- Bedtime for Frances** Russell Hoban
- Harold and the Purple Crayon** Crockett Johnson
- Swimmy** Leo Lionni
- Time for Bed** Mem Fox
- Little Bear** Else Homelund
- Anansi and the Magic Stick** Eric A. Kimmel

Any titles from the following series:

- Frog and Toad series Arnold Lobel
- Arthur series Marc Brown
- Henry and Mudge series Cynthia Rylant



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO SECOND GRADE

Please read:

- ***Paul Bunyan** by Steven Kellogg
- ***Monarch Butterfly** by Gail Gibbons
- ***Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express** by Eleanor Coerr
- ***The Keeping Quilt** by Patricia Polacco
- ***Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman

Then choose 5 of the following books to read:

- The Emperor's New Clothes** by Hans Christian Anderson
- The Fisherman and His Wife** by the Brothers Grimm
- Ming Lo Moves the Mountain** by Arnold Lobel
- The Monkey and the Crocodile** by Paul Galdone
- The Seven Chinese Brothers** by Margaret Mahy
- From Seed to Plant** by Gail Gibbons
- The Digestive System** by Rebecca L. Johnson
- The Reasons for the Seasons** by Gail Gibbons
- Ancient Greece and the Olympics** by Mary Pope Osborne
- Parthenon** by Lynn Curlee
- All About Ants** by Sue Whiting
- Are you a Bee?** By Judy Allen
- The Very Quiet Cricket** by Eric Carle
- A Picture Book of Lewis and Clark** by David A. Adler
- A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln** by David A. Adler
- Clara Barton** by Wil Mara
- Ellis Island** by Patricia Ryon Quiri
- A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson** by David A. Adler
- The Story of Ruby Bridges** by Robert Coles



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO THIRD GRADE

Please read:

* Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

*There will be an assignment/project over this book at the beginning of school

Then choose two other books to read from the following:

The Mouse and The Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

Stuart Little by E.B. White

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate Dicamillo

Langston's Train Ride by Robert Burleigh

Ancient Rome And Pompeii: A Nonfiction Companion to Vacation Under the Volcano
by Mary Pope Osborne

You Wouldn't Want to Be a Viking Explorer! by Andrew Langley

If You Decide to Go to the Moon by Faith McNulty



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO FOURTH GRADE

Please read:

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

The Secret Soldier by Ann McGovern

You may choose **one** of the following:

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

In The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

Matilda by Roald Dahl

The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events #1) by Lemony Snicket

Sojourner Truth by Peter and Connie Roop

Who Was Thomas Jefferson

Who Was Ben Franklin

What Was the Declaration of Independence



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO FIFTH GRADE

Required Reading:

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Suggested Reading:

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Ananzi the Trickster Spider by Lynne Garner

The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming

SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO SIXTH GRADE

Upcoming 6th graders are expected to read two books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read the required book and then choose one from the optional list. Activities will be assigned for both the lists and will be part of the scholar's grades during the first quarter.

Required Reading (scholar **MUST** read this book):

The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Optional Reading (scholar **MUST** choose one of the following books):

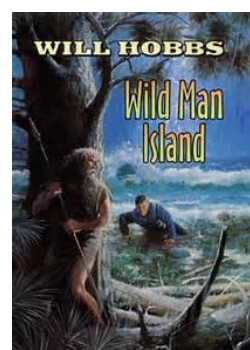
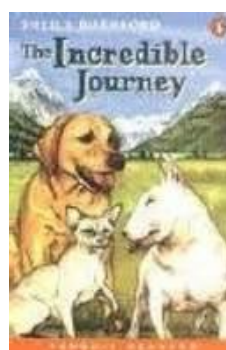
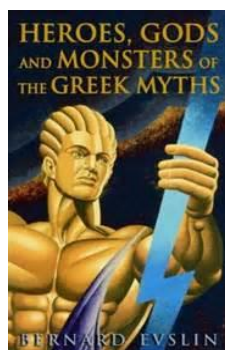
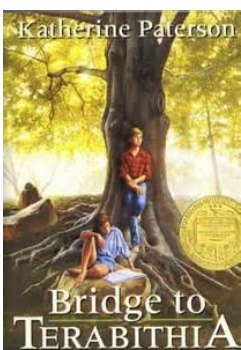
Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of the Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin

Wild Man Island by Will Hobbs

The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

SCIENCE SUMMER READING BOOK (scholar **MUST** read this book):

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm





SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO SEVENTH GRADE

Upcoming 7th graders are expected to read **three** books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read the required books and then choose one from the optional list. Activities will be assigned for both the lists and will be part of the scholar's grades during the first quarter.

Required Reading (scholar MUST read these two books):

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance by Jennifer Armstrong

Optional Reading (scholar MUST choose ONE of the following books):

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine



SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO EIGHTH GRADE

Upcoming 8th graders are expected to read three books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read the required books and then choose one from the optional list. Activities will be assigned for both the lists and will be part of the scholar's grades during the first quarter.

Required Reading (scholar MUST read these two books):

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Optional Reading (scholar MUST choose ONE of the following books):

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

A Break with Charity: A story about the Salem Witch Trials by Ann Rinaldi

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak