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