



## **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 Jesus Storybook Bible (Sally Lloyd-Jones)

### **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 by Drew Daywalt
- My Lucky Day by Keiko Kasza
- My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook

### **Non-Fiction:**

- What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins
- My Five Senses by Alike



## WELCOME TO JR. KINDERGARTEN

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” -Dr. Seuss*

Children of all ages love to listen when books are read aloud. Reading aloud builds fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension in children of all ages. Not only is it ideal for increasing a child’s literacy, it’s a great way to build relationships and encourage conversation. Developing and inspiring a love of reading in each scholar during this magical period in their reading journey will help to ensure a bright academic future. I am looking forward to a great year of learning with your scholars. -Mrs. Hall

### Reading List:

- We Are Growing by Laurie Keller
- Ice Cream Summer by Perter Sis
- Little Elliot Big Fun by Mike Curato
- The Night Gardener by Terry and Eric Fan
- Duck Duck Dinosaur by Kallie George
- What do you do with a Problem by Kobi Yamada
- Waiting for High Tide by Nikki McClure
- They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel
- We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen
- Treat by Mary Sullivan
- Hanks Big Day: The Story of a Bug by Evan Kuhlman
- God Gave us You by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- Where Did They Go? A Spotting Book by Emily Bornoff



## **SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO KINDERGARTEN**

Congratulations and 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 Reading:**

- Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell
- Reading Makes You Feel Good by Todd Parr
- 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 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

Welcome to First Grade! The coming year will be full of exciting challenges and happy successes! The following is a list of required and suggested summer reading titles; however, **more important than WHAT you read is THE TIME you read together! Research consistently proves that reading 20 minutes a day increases your child's vocabulary, attention span, love of reading, and future school success.** To help your Kinder scholar practice reading skills over the summer and feel "First Grade ready", please plan on regular reading time.

### **Required Reading:**

- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Henry Hodges Needs a Friend by Andy Andrews
- Only God Can Make a Kitten by Rhonda Greene
- Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

### **Choose at Least Five of the Following Books to Read:**

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

### **(Or any titles from the following:)**

- Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Gail Gibbons' nonfiction selections



## **SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE**

### **Required Reading:**

- Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg (A.R. level 5.7)
- Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 3.4)
- Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express by Eleanor Coerr (A.R. level 2.7)
- The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco (A.R. level 4.4)
- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman (A.R. level 3.5 )

### **Choose FIVE of the Following Books to Read:**

- The Emperor's New Clothes by Hans Christian Anderson
- The Fisherman and His Wife by the Brothers Grimm (A.R. level 3.8)
- Ming Lo Moves the Mountain by Arnold Lobel (A.R. level 3.6)
- The Monkey and the Crocodile by Paul Galdone (Not A.R.)
- The Seven Chinese Brothers by Margaret Mahy (A.R. level 4.8)
- From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 3.4)
- The Digestive System by Rebecca L. Johnson (A.R. level 4.4)
- The Reasons for the Seasons by Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 4.2)
- Ancient Greece and the Olympics by Mary Pope Osborne (A.R. level 4.4)
- Parthenon by Lynn Curlee (A.R. level 8.5)
- All About Ants by Sue Whiting (A.R. level 3.8)
- Are you a Bee? By Judy Allen (A.R. level 3.0)
- The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle (A.R. level 3.0)
- A Picture Book of Lewis and Clark by David A. Adler (A.R. level 5.1)
- A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln by David A. Adler (A.R. level 3.8)
- Clara Barton by Wil Mara (A.R. level 2.6)
- Ellis Island by Patricia Ryon Quiri (A.R. level 4.9)
- A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson by David A. Adler (A.R. level 5.2)
- The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles (A.R. level 4.4)



## **SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE**

### **Required Reading:**

- The Boxcar Children #1 by Gertrude Chandler Warner (A.R. level 3.9)  
- There will be an assignment/project over this book when we begin the school year.  
Please be sure you have completed your book before school begins.
- Magic Tree House #9: Dolphins at Daybreak by Mary Pope Osborne (A.R. level 3.1)

### **Choose TWO of the Following Books to Read:**

- The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes (A.R. level 4.2)
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (A.R. level 4.4)
- Magic Tree House #8: Midnight on the Moon by Mary Pope Osborne (A.R. level 2.8)
- Magic Tree House #15: Viking Ships at Sunrise by Mary Pope Osborne (A.R. level 3.3)
- The Mouse and The Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary (A.R. level 5.1)
- If You Decide to Go to the Moon by Faith McNulty (A.R. level 4.1)
- Who is Jane Goodall? by Roberta Edwards (A.R. level 4.7)
- What Was Pompeii? by Jim O'Conner (A.R. level 6.3)



## **SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

### **Required Reading:**

- Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl (A.R. level 4.1)
- The Secret Soldier by Ann McGovern (A.R. level 4.1)

### **Choose ONE of the Following Books to Read:**

- The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman (A.R. level 3.9)
- In The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord (A.R. level 4.6)
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (A.R. level 3.4)
- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater (A.R. level 5.6)
- Matilda by Roald Dahl (A.R. level 6.0)
- The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events #1) by Lemony Snicket (A.R. level 6.4 )
- Sojourner Truth by Peter and Connie Roop (A.R. level 5.4)
- Who Was Thomas Jefferson (A.R. level 5.3)
- Who Was Ben Franklin (A.R. level 4.4)
- What Was the Declaration of Independence (A.R. level 6.2)



## **SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

### **Required Reading:**

- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare (AR 4.9)

### **Suggested Reading:**

- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (AR 3.6)
- Ananzi the Trickster Spider by Lynne Garner (Not AR)
- The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars (AR 4.9)
- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien (AR 6.6)
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (AR 7.4)
- The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett (AR 6.3)
- Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming (AR 6.6)



## SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER READING LIST

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):

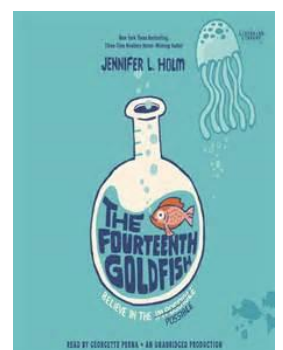
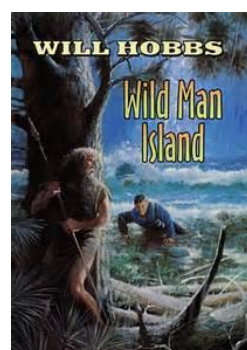
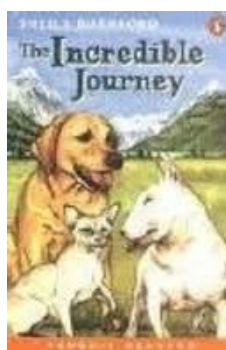
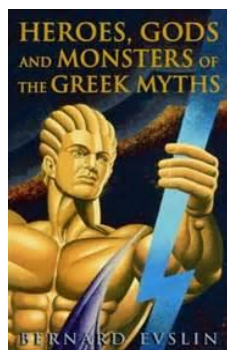
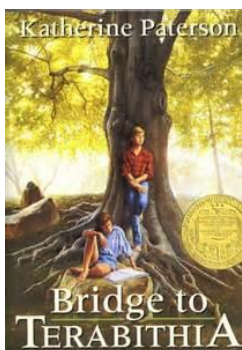
- The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (AR 4.6)

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

- Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of the Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin (AR 5.9)
- Wild Man Island by Will Hobbs (AR 5.1)
- The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford (AR 7.6)

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

- The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm (AR 4.1)





## **SUMMER READING LIST FOR SCHOLARS RISING INTO 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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

### **Choose ONE of the Following Books to Read:**

- 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