



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Teaching with Love, Learning with Spirit.

Summer Reading Suggestions / Required Reading for Middle-level Students

By promoting and maintaining active literacy over the summer, you prepare your child for the best start in the next school year! For readers, please make sure that your child is reading “just right” books. It is important that the text is not too hard for your child to read independently. To find out if the book is “just right” for your child, practice the 5-Finger Rule. If more than five words on a page are too difficult for your child to read, the book is not a good fit for them. Sharing books with your child in the form of a read-aloud is also highly encouraged. This activity is best for those books that your child is eager to read but that are beyond his/her reading level. Please preview all books for appropriateness for your child. Depending on your child’s growing reading ability, some of the suggested titles on the list below will be suitable for independent reading and some for family read-alouds. Also, to maintain writing fluency, encourage your child to keep a summer journal about all of their fun adventures or about connections to the characters about whom they read.

The following books are recommended if your child is entering...

Kindergarten

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Kindergarten Rocks! by Katie Davis

Bob Books by: Bobby Lynn Maslen

The Biscuit Series by: Alyssa Satin Capucilli

The King Of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Chicka Chicka ABC, Chicka Chicka 123 – all by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault

First Grade

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

Henry and Mudge: Annie and Snowball; Mr. Putter and Tabby; Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant

The Elephant and Piggie Book Series by Mo Willems

The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Waiting; Lily’s Purple Plastic Purse; Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?; The Tiny Seed; and others by Eric Carle

BOB Books - Kindergarten and First Grade Sight Words by Bobby Lynn Maslen

Second Grade

City Hall Sandwich by Annie Auerbach (Word Girl reader series is a great vocabulary builder)

Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot vs. the Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury by Dav Pilkey

Revenge of the Dragon Lady by Kate McMullan

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish

The Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo

Second Grade Ape by Daniel Pinkwater

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Carnival Prize; Money Math by David Adler

The Questioners Series by Andrea Beaty

Pirates Past Noon by Mary Pope Osborne

57 Saints by Anne Eileen Heffernan

Dear Pope Francis: The Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World by Pope Francis

Jesus Speaks to Me on my First Holy Communion by Angela M. Burrin

The Weight of a Mass: A Tale of Faith by Josephine Nobisso

Frida by Jonah Winter

Dream Big: Michael Jordan and the Pursuit of Excellence by Deloris Jordan

Island: A Story of the Galapagos by Jason Chin

The Boy Who Grew A Forest by Sophia Gohlz

Science Vocabulary Readers (Series) by Jack Prager

Smart Words Readers (Series) by Judith Bauer Stamper
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe: Moldylocks and the Three Beards by Noah Z. Jones
Life by Cynthia Rylant
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by John Ciardi
Touch the Poem by Arnold Adoff
Poetrees by Douglas Florian
Parts of Speech Tales (Series) by Liza Charlesworth
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein
So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

Great Websites for Children's Books

<http://www.hornbookguide.com>

<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/>

<http://www.nsta.org/recommends/>

Third Grade

Cam Jansen (series) by David Adler
Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House series) by Mary Pope Osborne
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (Geronimo Stilton series) by Edizioni Piemme
Cinderella (As If You Didn't Already Know the Story) by Barbara Ensor
Big Nate (series) by Lincoln Peirce
Ivy and Bean (series) by Annie Barrows
Sideways Stories from Wayside School (series) by Louis Sachar
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (series) by Julie Sternberg
New Beginnings (Everyday Angel series) by Victoria Schwab
The Vanishing Coin (The Magic Shop series) by Kate Egan and Mike Lane
Flora & Ulysses and *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo
In A Blink (Disney The Never Girls series) by Kiki Thorpe
I Survived (series)
Who was...? (series) by various authors
Where is...? (series) by various authors
Secret Agent Jack Stalwart: The Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur (series) by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
American Girl Mysteries by various authors
Goldie (The Puppy Place series) by Ellen Miles
Jenny and the Cat Club: A Collection of Favorite Stories about Jenny Linsky by Esther Averill
The Rescue Princesses: Secret Promise (series) by Paula Harrison
Horse Diaries: Elska by Catherine Hapka
The Sasquatch Escape (The Imaginary Veterinary series) by Suzanne Selfors
Princess Academy (series) by Shannon Hale
Fairest of All (Whatever After series) by Sarah Mlynowski
Of Giants and Ice (The Ever Afters series) by Shelby Bach
The Familiars (series) by Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson
The Chronicles of Narnia (series) by C.S. Lewis
Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart
Sunny Side Up by Jennifer L. Holm
Save Me A Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd
Little House on the Prairie (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Nancy Drew (series) by Caroline Keane
Hardy Boys (series) by Franklin W. Dixon
Clubhouse Mysteries (series) by Sharon M. Draper
Monsieur Marceau: Actor Without Words by Leda Schubert and Gerard DuBois
Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl
Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry

Fourth Grade

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'engle

Sisters by Raina Telgemein

Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Under the Egg by Laura Marx

Billy Sure Kid Entrepreneur by Luke Sharpe

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

The BFG and *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan

The Tale of Despereaux and *The Magician's Elephant* by Katie Di Camillo

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien

The Twenty One Balloons by William Pe'ne du Bois

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

Faces of the Moon by Bob Crelin and Leslie Evans

Fifth Grade

Holes by Louis Sachar

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph by Roxane Orgill

Who was Marie Curie? by Megan Stine

Who was Sitting Bull? by Stephanie Spinner

John Muir: America's First Environmentalist by Kathryn Lasky

Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

The Story of Saint John Paul II: A Boy Who Became Pope by Fabiola Garza

Accidental Archaeologists: True Stories of Unexpected Discoveries by Sarah Albee

Loyola Kids Book of Heroes: Stories of Catholic Heroes and Saints throughout History by Amy Welborn

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin

America's National Parks (Lonely Planet Kids) by Alexa Ward

Native Americans in History by Jimmy Beason

The Moments with Jesus Encounter Bible: 20 Immersive Stories from the Four Gospels by Bill Johnson

Do the Math!: Challenging, Fun Math Puzzles for Kids by Steven Clontz

Sixth Grade

Required for all students: *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Recommended Reading:

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

The Tweetable Pope: A Spiritual Revolution in 140 characters by Michael J. O'Loughlin

The Adventures of Penrose the Mathematical Cat by Theoni Pappas

Seventh Grade

Required for all students: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Recommended Reading:

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Hound of Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Bad Beginnings: A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Make Arduino Bots and Gadgets by Tero Karvinen

Eighth Grade

Required for all students: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Recommended Reading:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain