



St. Joseph School Summer Reading Lists Grades 1-6

Please follow the reading guidelines for the grade level your student is entering this fall.

GRADE 1 SUMMER READING LIST

We encourage you to read as much as possible to and with your entering first grader. The goal is to build on their acquired reading skills and foster an appreciation of reading.

EASY BOOKS

Bang	Ten, Nine, Eight
Brown	Goodnight Moon
Berenstain	Bears on Wheels
Capucilli	Biscuit series
Crews	Freight Train
Eastman	Go, Dog, Go
Feiffer	Bark, George
Hawkins	Mig the Pig (series)
Hutchins	Rosie's Walk
Hill	Where's Spot?
Kellogg	A Beasty Storie
Kraus	Leo the Late Bloomer
Langstaff	Oh! A-Hunting We Will Go
Martin, W.	Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Martin, D.	Five Little Piggies
Maslen	Bob Books (earliest readers)
Rey	Curious George (series)
Seuss	Hop On Pop (various other titles)
Shawn	Sheep In a Jeep
Strickland	One Bear One Dog
Tafari	Have You Seen My Duckling?
Titherington	Pumpkin, Pumpkin
Wilcott	Pickle Pickle Pickle Juice

Lists of Recommended Works:

Books That Build Character by William Kilpatrick

Books To Build On: A Grade-by-Grade Resource Guide for Parents and Teachers edited by Holdren and E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

The New Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease

The New York Times Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children by Eden Ross Lipson

Aesop's Fables various versions

NON-FICTION

Aliki	Digging Up Dinosaurs
Benchley	Sam the Minuteman
Brenner	Chibi: A True Story From Japan
Brett	Berlioz the Bear
Bruehac	Boy Who Lived With The Bears
Cole	The Magic School Bus (series)
Cowley	Red-Eyed Tree Frog
dePaola	The Parables of Jesus
Glass	Bad Guys: True Stories
Hart	Leonardo da Vinci (Famous Children series)
Jenkins	The Emperor's Egg
Maestro	Geese Find The Missing Piece
Opie	Here Comes Mother Goose
Ripken	Cal Ripken, Jr.: Play Ball!
Spier	The Star-Spangled Banner
Stier	If I Were President

I CAN READ-GRADE 1 +

Brandenberg	Leo And Emily & The Dragon
Brown	Arthur (series)
Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Coerr	The Josefina Story Quilt
Cole	Ready...Set...Read
Edwards	Five Silly Fishermen
Giff	Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat
Hoban	Arthur's Prize Reader (series)
Hoff	Danny and the Dinosaur
Lobel	Frog and Toad Are Friends (series)
Minarik	Little Bear (series)
Parish	Amelia Bedelia (series)
Rylant	Henry and Mudge (series)
Schwartz	In a Dark, Dark Room
Sharmat	Nate the Great (series)
Slobodkina	Caps For Sale
Van Leeuwen	Tales of Oliver Pig (series)
Williams	A Chair For My Mother

St. Joseph School Summer Reading List Grade 2

Each student is required to read **5 books** during the summer and complete the following information on a 5 x 8 index card: title, author, main character, and draw a picture of your favorite part of the book. Your child **may** illustrate a small cover to go with each index card of books read.

Bring the index cards to class by the second day of school in September.

The following is a list of suggested books. Your child may choose other authors or books that may be of interest.

Title/Author

The Little Red Hen
The Five Chinese Brothers
The Seven Chinese Brothers
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett
Madeline books by Ludwig Bemelans
Berenstain Bears books by Jan & Stan Berenstain
Arthur books by Marc Brown
A Pocketful of Cricket by Rebecca Caudill
Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole/Bruce Degen
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
Lunch Bunnies by Kathryn Lasky
The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Stone Soup by Ann McGovern
Winnie the Pooh books by A.A. Milne
Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
Amelia Bedelia books by Peggy or Herman Parish
Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Any selection by Dr. Seuss
The Amazing Bone by William Steig
Alexander & the Terrible No Good Day
by Judith Viorst
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
A Chair for my Mother by Vera Williams
Morris the Moose books by B. Wiseman
Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present
by Charlotte Zolotow

St. Joseph School
Summer Reading List Grade 3

Please choose any 3 books or authors to read this summer. As you read, make an index card with the title, author and two sentences that tells what the book was about. We will do a project in class in September.

Midnight on the Moon by Mary Pope Osbourne

Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary

Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Third Grade Pet by Judy Cox

Third Grade Detectives #1 by George Stanley

The Littles and the Lost Children by John Peterson

Junie B. Jones is Captain Field Day by Barbara Park

Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade by Suzy Kline

Any of the sports books by Matt Christopher

St. Joseph School Summer Reading List Grade 4

Each student is required to read three books over the summer, including the two * required books and one more book of your choice. In September, students will be evaluated on their knowledge of the content of the books. As you are reading, please take some notes on the setting, characters and significant details of each book.

GRADE 4

* *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen

* *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl

Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume

Baseball's Best Five True Stories by Andrew Gutelle

Five Brave Explorers by Wade Hudson

Helen Keller by S. & P. Graff

Jesse Owens: Olympic Hero by Francene Sabin

I Sailed With Columbus by Miriam Schlein

The Twits by Roald Dahl

* **Required reading**

St. Joseph School Summer Reading List Grade 5

Each student is required to read **TWO** books over the summer, **ONE OF YOUR CHOICE FROM GROUP A and B**. As you are reading, please take some notes on the setting, characters, and important details of each book. In August there will be an assignment evaluating your knowledge of these books posted on the St. Joseph School website under Mrs. Tischer's Classroom Notes. Your response will be due on Wednesday, [September 8, 2008](#). Students are encouraged to enjoy the adventures of as many books as they wish to read! As you do book reports during grade 5 refer to this list for suggestions. Please check the reading level of the book with your librarian. These books range from easy to challenging.

Group A [Select one Book]

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis
A Single Shard by Linda Peck
A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
The Wish Giver by Bill Brittain
Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsbury
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Cat Ate My Gymsuit by Paul Danziger
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Group B [Select one Book]

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane [challenging reading level]
My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier [challenging reading level]
Lewis and Clark by George Sullivan
Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos by Robert Lawson
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Popcorn Days and Buttermilk Nights by Gary Paulson
My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian by Elizabeth Levy
Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech
Frindle by Andrew Clements
The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate Di Camillo
Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson
Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

St. Joseph School Summer Reading List Grade 6

Each student is required to read three books over the summer, including the two * required books and one more book of your choice. In September, students will be evaluated on their knowledge of the content of the books. As you are reading, please take some notes on the setting, characters and significant details of each book.

Grade 6

* *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

* *Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Autobiography by Helen Keller

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Any C.S. Lewis book

* **Required reading**