

St Joseph School Summer Reading List

Entering Kindergarten

Required: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.

Please choose one of the following to read with your child:

The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten By Joseph Slate

The Kissing Hand by Audry Penn

If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson

Any books by Dr. Seuss

Entering 1st Grade

Required:

-Please read any Pete the Cat book (author James Dean)

In addition, please choose 4 books from any of the following authors or series:

-Children's Bible stories (your choice)

-Pat Hutchins

-Ezra Jack Keats

-Lois Elhert

-Cynthia Rylant

-Laura Numeroff

-Dr. Seuss

-Eric Carle

-Syd Hoff (Danny and the Dinosaur series)

-Peggy Parish (Amelia Bedilia series)

-National Geographic Kids series

-"Big Dog and Little Dog" books by Dav Pilkey

-"Clara and Clem" books by Ethan Long

-"I Can Read" books (with the banner "I Can Read" at the top of the cover; these are available in many levels to suit your child's reading abilities)

Entering 2nd Grade

Required: Five total texts (any combination). See the specific guidelines:

At least one (out of the five) should be an informational text. This can be a nonfiction book about a person, animal, science-related topic or other.

At least one (out of the five) should be a fictional text. Suggested series include Nate the Great, Flat Stanley, Frog and Toad, Berenstain Bears, Clifford, Franklin, and The Magic Tree House.

Books should be at the student's "Just right", independent reading level.

Entering 3rd Grade

Required: Choose any Beverly Cleary book. She has written many books at varying reading levels.

Choose 1 from each of the following:

- a. The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- b. Fudge by Judy Bloom
- c. Jigsaw Jones Mysteries by James Preller

Entering 4th Grade

Required: Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Choose 1 from the following list:

Frindle by Andrew Clements

The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson

Amulet by Kazu Kinuishi

The Last Kids on Earth By Max Bralier

The Lemonade War by Jaqueline Davies

If You Lived in the Time of MLK, jr. by Ellen Levine

In their Own Words: Ben Franklin by Peter Roop

Entering 5th Grade

Required: Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Choose 1 from each of the following:

- [The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#) By William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- [Hoot](#) By Carl Hiaasen
- [Because of Winn Dixie](#) By Kate DeCamillo
- [The Tale of Despereaux](#) By Kate DeCamillo
- [I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World \(Young Readers Edition\)](#) By Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

Entering 6th Grade

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Choose 1 of the following:

- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- *Island of the Blue Dolphin* by Scott O'Dell

Entering 7th Grade

Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers by Ralph Moody

Of Beetles and Angels by Selamawi Asgedom

Choose 1 of the following:

- *Banner in the Sky* by James Ramsey Ullman
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Entering 8th Grade

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Choose 1 of the following:

- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry

