



Saint Leo the Great School



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2017 – 2018 Summer Reading List

Please note that the Reading Lists and Assignments below are listed according to the grade students will be entering into for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Kindergarten

The following are suggestions only. We would just like you to get into the habit of reading with your child every day.

Some favorites:

Moondance by Frank Asch
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Can I Keep Him? by Stephen Kellogg
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood
First Day Jitters by Julie Dannerberg
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends by Carol Buckley

Some of our favorite authors:

Ted Arnold	Eric Carle	David Martin
Byron Barton	Doreen Cronin	Laura Numeroff
Norman Birdwell	James Dean	Jon Sciesca
Jan Brett	Lois Ehlert	Rosemary Wells
Kathy Caple	Kevin Henkes	Audrey Wood
Alyssa Capucilli	Arthur Lobel	Mo Willems

Informational Selections:

Books by Alik
Books by Tish Rabe
Fly Guy Series by Ted Arnold
National Geographic Reader Series
Let's Read and Find Out Science Series (Harper Collins)
Read and Wonder Series (Penguin Random House)

Grade 1

The following are suggestions only. We would just like you to get into the habit of reading with your child every day.

Fun Books to Share:

And I Mean It, Stanley by Crosby Bonsall
Arthur Series by Marc Brown
A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
Clifford Series by Norman Bridwell
Dinosaur Time by Peggy Parish
The Eye Book by Theo LeSieg
Franklin Series by Paulette Bourgeois
Froggy Series by Jonathan London
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long
Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald
Little Critter Series by Mercer Mayer
Morris the Moose by Bernard Wiseman
Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Cam Jansen

Learning to Read Series:

Hello Reader!
I Can Read Books
Puffin Easy-to-Read
Step Into Reading Levels 1-4
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik

Alphabet Books:

Animalia by Graeme Baese
The Icky Bug Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
Z Was Zapped by Chris Van Allsburg

Math in Picture Books:

How Much Is a Million? by David M. Schwartz
One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints by Diana Pomeroy
Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse, (A Tale of Wickedness—and Worse!) by William Wise
When Sheep Cannot Sleep by Satoshi Kitamura
Greedy Triangle by Marilyn Burns
Ten Dots by Donald Crews

Classics to Read to a First Grader:

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert Closskey
When Will I Read? by Miriam Cohen
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Caldecott Awards and Honor Books:

Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson
Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions by Margaret Musgrove
The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster and Chris Raschka
Owen by Kevin Henkes
The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
A Story, A Story by Gail E. Haley

Non-fiction:

Art Dog by Thatcher Hurd
Whales and Dolphins by Connie Roop
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Hurricane by David Wiesner
National Geographic Series

Grade 2

Required Reading Selection:

- *Miss Daisy is Crazy* by Dan Gutman

Suggested list of titles and authors:

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Rainbow Magic Series by Daisy Meadow
Cam Jansen Series by David Adler
Poppleton Series by Cynthia Rylant
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Judy Moody Series by Megan McDaniels
Fancy Nancy: Nancy Clancy Series by Jane O'Connor
My Weird School Series by Dan Gutman
Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Non Fiction books about history, science and nature are also exciting reads. Consider sharing these stories with your children:

Magic Tree House Fact Checker Series
Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole
Let's Read and Find Out Series
How to Talk to Your Dog by Jean Craighead George
American, Patriotic Primer by Lynne Cheney
Who Was Series
I Am Series by Brad Meltzer

Grade 3

Required Reading Selection (both books MUST be read):

- *Jake Drake Bully Buster* by Andrew Clements
- *Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli

Suggested Reading:

Fiction:

Jeff Corwin (Junior Explorer Series)

Beverly Cleary Books

Boxcar Children Mysteries

Johanna Hurwitz Books

Matt Christopher Books

Geronimo Stilton Series

Encyclopedia Brown Series

American Girl Series

Lenore Look (Alvin Ho Series)

Sarah Weeks (Oggie Cooder Series)

Non Fiction:

Who Was/ Who Is Biography Series

Who Was Abraham Lincoln?

Who is JK Rowling?

Who was King Tut?

National Geographic Kids Chapters:

Tiger in Trouble!

Dog Finds Lost Dolphin!

Ape Escapes!

Poetry:

Shel Silverstein

Jack Prelutsky

Realistic Fiction:

Totally True Adventures: Titanic Sinks

Totally True Adventures: Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse

I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis

Grade 4

Required Reading (choose one fiction and one non-fiction book from the choices below):

Fiction Selection

- Students may read ANY book from the “I Survived” series by Lauren Tarshis

Non-Fiction Selection

- Any biography from the “Childhood of Famous Americans” series.
(Example: Walt Disney: Young movie Maker-by Marie Hammontree)
- Any biography from the “Who Was” or “Who Is” series.
(Example: Who was Ben Franklin by Denise Fradin)

Both assignments must be completed, and handed in on your first day of class. Students will receive a 5 point reduction in their grade for every day that it is late.

Fiction Book Assignment:

The students are asked to complete a “story map” to summarize the story. This *Story Map* is located on the school’s website.

Using the Story Map, create a “story cube” by filling in the squares on the *Story Cube Template* with the information from your Story Map. This *Story Cube Template* is located on the school’s website.

Box 1: Title and author

Box2: Characters

Box 3: Setting

Box 4: Problem the character faced

Box 5: Major events dealing with the problem

Box 6: Solution

Once each box on the cube is completely and neatly filled in, color, fold and glue your cube together.

Non-Fiction Book Assignment:

1. Create a list of 5 facts that you learned from reading the non-fiction book.
2. Write a paragraph (5-7 sentences) about the book, especially your favorite part. Include whether you would recommend this book to others.

Your paper should have a full heading. Write neatly and use complete sentences. Once again, spelling and grammar count.

Grade 5

Required Reading Selection (both books MUST be read):

Students are required to read the following books and complete the following assignments.

- **Wonder by R.J. Palacio**
 - There will be a test on the story in September. Students are also required to complete a reflection response activity to be submitted in September. In order to access a guideline for the activity, please go to Mrs. Cotgreave's website (Summer Reading link on the right side bar) and download the instructions.

- **Biography of your choice**
 - Upcoming fifth graders are also required to read a **biography** and complete a biography report form. In order to access the report form, please go to Mrs. Cotgreave's website (Summer Reading link on the right side bar) and download the document. The "Who Was...?" series is a terrific choice, but not the only choice.

For those looking for MORE books to read this summer (and beyond), below is a reference list of book suggestions. Any of the authors below are terrific and highly recommended.

Choice Author Suggestion List:

The following are suggested authors:

Dan Gutman
Jerry Spinelli
Andrew Clements
Matt Christopher
Rick Riordan
Meg Cabot
Mike Lupica
Judy Blume
C.S. Lewis
Ann M. Martin

Gordon Korman
E.L. Konigsburg
Roald Dahl
Paula Danzinger
J. K. Rowling
Louis Sachar
Beverly Cleary
Madeleine L'Engle
Michael Buckley

Grade 6

Required Reading Selection (both books MUST be read):

Students are required to read the following books and complete the following assignments.

- ***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**

There will be a test the first week of school on *The Giver*. Please be prepared!

- ***Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming**

Students are required to complete a *Biography Review Sheet* for the biography above. This *Biography Review Sheet* is located on the school's website and needs to be turned in to your language arts teacher the first day of school.

Grade 7

Required Reading Selection (all three books MUST be read):

Students are required to read the following books and complete the following assignments.

- ***I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai (young reader's edition)**

Students entering 7th grade must complete the *Webquest* that can be found on the school's website for this novel. This quest allows students to listen to interviews with Malala on YouTube and to locate various settings connected to Malala's life using Google images. This assignment must be typed. There will be a test the second week in September. Please be prepared!

- ***Pay It Forward* by Catherine Ryan Hyde (young reader's edition)**

Students will take a test on the novel in language arts class the first week in September. Please be prepared!

- ***Blood on the River* by Elisa Carbone**

This reading is part of the Social Studies curriculum. Students will take a test on the novel in social studies class the first week in September. Please be prepared!

Remember to use proper grammar (mechanics and usage) as well as transition words!

Grade 8

Required Reading Selection (both books MUST be read):

Students are required to read the following books and complete the following assignments.

- ***Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**

There will be a test the first week of school on *Of Mice and Men* that consists of multiple choice questions, matching, and an essay. Please be prepared!

- ***I am Scout: The biography of Harper Lee* by James J. Shields**

Write a reaction paper on what interested, intrigued or inspired you the most about Harper Lee. Use evidence from the text to support your response.

1. The paper must be approximately between 400-500 words.
2. The paper must be 12 pt. font, Times New Roman and double-spaced.
3. The paper must have a proper heading.
4. The paper must include an introduction, body and conclusion.

Remember proper grammar (mechanics and usage) count, and remember to use transition words!