



SAINT LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL

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2020 – 2021 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 2020-2021 academic year.

Kindergarten

Books and Authors are suggestions. We encourage you to read 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

Byron Barton

Norman Birdwell

Jan Brett

Kathy Caple

Alyssa Capucilli

Eric Carle

Doreen Cronin

James Dean

Lois Ehlert

Kevin Henkes

Arthur Lobel

David Martin

Laura Numeroff

Jon Sciesca

Rosemary Wells

Audrey Wood

Mo Willems

Informational Selections:

Books by Aiki

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

Here are some suggestions of fun books you will enjoy reading with your child every day. In first grade reading is key. Let's get a head start!

Fun Books to Share:

One Fish Two Fish by Dr. Seuss
Narwhal by Ben Clanton
Oh! The Places You'll Go! by Dr. Seuss
Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty
Iggly Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty
Awesome Jokes That Every 6-Year-Old Should Know by Mat Waugh
Silly Milly (Level 1) by Wendy Cheyette Lewison
And I Mean It, Stanley by Crosby Bonsall
Little Kids First Big Book of Why by Amy Shields
A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
Dinosaur Time by Peggy Parish
The Eye Book by Theo LeSieg
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long
Morris the Moose by Bernard Wiseman
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
We don't eat our CLASSMATES by Ryan T. Higgins

Learning to Read Series:

Elephant & Piggie Series by Mo Willems
Hello Reader!
I Can Read Books
Puffin Easy-to-Read
Fly Guy Phonics by Ted Arnold
Hello Kitty sight words
Step Into Reading Levels 1-4

Alphabet Books:

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

Grade 2

Required Reading Selection:

- *Miss Daisy is Crazy* by Dan Gutman
or
- *Mr. Klutz is Nuts!* 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):

- Choose any book from the *Who Was/Who Is* series.
Complete 3rd Grade *Biography Report Worksheet* - due the first day of school.
- *Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli
Be prepared for classroom assignments.

Suggested Reading:

Fiction:

Weird School Series by Dan Gutman
Geronimo Stilton Series
Key Hunters (Mystery)
39 Clues (Mystery)
Jeff Corwin (Junior Explorer Series)
Beverly Cleary Books
Boxcar Children Mysteries
Matt Christopher Books
American Girl Series

Non-Fiction:

Who Was/ Who Is/Where Is Series
Blast Back! Series
National Geographic Kids Chapters:
Tiger in Trouble!
Dog Finds Lost Dolphin!
Ape Escape!

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 Selection:

Students will read two of the following:

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl
- *Gladiator School – Book 1 – Blood Oath* by Dan Scott
- *Tuesdays in the Castle* by Jessica Day George
- *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman

For **each** of the two books read, students are required to complete a Doodle page. There are three choices for the Doodle page. Students can do the same Doodle page for both books or choose two different Doodle pages. They are due on the first day of school.

Suggested Reading:

The following graphic novels are sure to engage readers:

Smile or anything else by Raina Tegemeier
Oog and Gluck: Cavemen series by Dev Pikey
Lunch Lady series by Jarret J. Krosoczka
CatStronauts series by Drew Brockington
Narwhal and Jellyfish series by Ben Clanton
The Bad Guys series by Aaron Blabey
El Deafo by Cece Bell

Students should read at least 20 minutes a day during summer break in order to hit the ground running in September.

Grade 5

Required Reading Selections (two books must be read):

- Students entering 5th grade are required to read *Class Dismissed* by Andrew Woodrow. Students are also required to complete a *Literature Response Activity* to be submitted on the first day of school. A test will be given within the first couple weeks of school.
- Incoming fifth graders are also required to read a **biography** and complete a *Biography Report Form* which will be handed in on the first day of school. The “Who Was...?” series is a terrific choice for biography readings, but not the only choice.

For those looking for MORE books to read this summer (and beyond), below is a reference list of suggestions.

Choice Author Suggestion List:

The following are suggested authors. There are plenty of *other* great authors too!

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
Kate DiCamillo

Be sure to use the “Five Finger” rule to determine if a book is a “good fit” for you. Enjoy your reading adventures!

Suggested Science Reading

Hurricane Force: In the Path of America's Deadliest Storms

by: Joseph B. Treaster - (Kingfisher, 2007) 128 pages.

The author of this book, longtime New York Times reporter Joseph Treaster, was in the New Orleans city hall when Hurricane Katrina hit the city in 2005. He draws on his experiences covering Katrina and its aftermath to provide younger readers with a first-hand look at the deadly storms we call hurricanes. Along with his eyewitness accounts, there is information about what scientists currently know about how and why hurricanes form, how they are tracked, and how they impact coastal areas. Precautions and planning for future storms are also discussed. Dramatic color photos enhance the solid information presented in this book.

Perfect for: Kids who like science and nature.

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

by: Jacqueline Kelly - (Henry Holt and Co., 2009) 352 pages.

A prize-winning book that explores the unconventional life of a brash young naturalist. She is a turn-of-the-century Texas girl, but 11-year-old Calpurnia Tate is more interested in becoming a scientist than in knitting or cooking. With the help of her grandfather, an amateur naturalist, and Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*, she starts doing fieldwork. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* is the critically acclaimed story of an outsider who has to forge her own way in the world as she discovers her unique identity.

Perfect for: Kids who like historical fiction.

Grade 6

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

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

- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

A test will be given the first week of school in September 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* needs to be turned in to your Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.

- *The Golden Goblet* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

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

Grade 7

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

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

- *Fever* by Laurie Hals Anderson

There will be a multiple-choice test on *Fever* when students return to school in September.

- *Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America* by Gail Jarrow

Students are to complete the *War of the Worlds WebQuest*. It is due the first day of school.

- *Blood on the River* by Elisa Carbone

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

Grade 8

Required Reading Selection (all three 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!

A screencast for all incoming 8th graders will be available on Mrs. Brock's 8th-grade LA News Page. This screencast will provide students with significant plot summary, characterization, and literary elements. It will also build background on the historical context of this powerful read.

- *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals

Write a reaction paper explaining in detail how you were affected by this memoir.

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.

The paper must include an introduction, body, and conclusion. A tutorial screencast on how to piece this paper together for all incoming 8th graders will be available on Mrs. Brock's 8th-grade LA News Page.

- *Boys in the Boat (Must Use the Young Readers' Edition)* by Daniel James Brown

This is part of the Social Studies Curriculum. There will be a test the first week of school on *Boys in the Boat*. Please be prepared!