

SUMMER READING

Frequently Asked Questions

If you are new to Holy Family, or need a refresher about Summer Reading, this document is for you!

Who participates in Summer Reading?

All our HF students participate by reading during the summertime! Additionally, grades 2 – 8 have specific requirements – use the links provided for details.

What do students do?

Students are encouraged to read recreationally every day during the summer. Then, at the end of the summer students in grades 2 – 8 prepare projects over two of the books they read to present to their classmates during the second week of school. Our upper grades require one of the two books, but otherwise students are encouraged to choose. Detailed instructions are provided by grade level.

When are the due dates?

Students bring their summer reading projects the week after the start of school (Monday, August 22).

How do I know the details?

Our HF eNewsletter and our website have all the details by grade-level.

How much are the projects worth?

Participation grades are awarded for the projects to our students in grades 2 - 4. For students in grades 5 -8, the project is still a participation grade; but grades over the assigned book will vary.

My child struggles to read on their own, how can I get them through these assignments?

Students are encouraged to read independently but children may listen to audio books, or have you read aloud to them. If a book from a lower grade level would help your child be successful, we allow that as well. If needed, your child's teacher will be able to answer questions about the projects during the first week of school.

We JUST enrolled, days before the beginning of school, do my kids still have to participate?

HF teachers realize this, and each has a strategy for new families. At orientation or during the first week of school, contact your children's teachers to set a timeline to accomplish these projects. Please note, any of the books your child has already read this summer can be used for the projects. In the higher grades, please be aware that your child will still need to read the assigned book to be successful with class assignments during the first quarter.

Why does Holy Family require Summer Reading?

At HF we embrace high levels of literacy, and we know that reading is the key to learning across all subjects. Further, students who read during the summer months avoid the summer-slide. *(Research shows that non-readers can lose up to three months of reading skills while readers can gain a month or even two!)* Summer Reading projects and presentations help celebrate reading while giving teachers and classmates an enriching way to get to know each other at the beginning of a new school year.

Any pro-tips for families?

Encourage reading as a daily habit. Take advantage of the reading programs at local libraries and bookstores throughout the summer. Use the summer reading projects as part of your family's back-to-school return plans in August.