



2023 Summer Reading Directions

Grades PK-1

- Read together daily.
- Explore Timeless authors such as Dr. Seuss, Marcus Pfister, Mo Willems, Eric Carle, Don Freeman, Kevin Henkes, Laura Numerhoff, Philip and Erin Stead, Mark Brown, Eve Bunting, and Tomie DePaola.

Grades 2-4

- Students read two books from the list or one from the list and one book of their choice.
- Independent reading, reading with a parent, parent read aloud, or audio books are encouraged.
- When possible, please let your child choose the books.
- Student-crafted projects are due Tuesday, August 22, which is the second week of school.
- Students in Grade 4 can choose a Lectio Book.

Grades 5-8: 1 required book

- Read the assigned book for your grade:
 - **Grade 5: Wonder by RJ Palacio**
 - **Grade 6: The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo**
 - **Grade 7: Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare**
 - **Grade 8: Fever 1793: Laurie Halse Anderson**
- Independent reading, reading with a parent, parent read aloud, or audio books are encouraged.
- Be prepared for a short test and assignments related to the book.
- Bring your book to school.
- No project is required.

Grades 5-8: 1 Student Selected Book

- Read a book from the suggested reading list or a Lectio Book.
- Independent reading, reading with a parent, parent read aloud, or audio books are encouraged.
- When possible, please let your child choose the books.

- Student-crafted projects are due Tuesday, August 22, which is the second week of school.

2023 Summer Reading Book Choices

For the book choices, please refer to the suggested reading list for students in grades 2-8 which is found below. Students in grades 4-8 may also choose a book from the [Lectio Book List](#).

2023 Summer Reading Project Choices

Character Virtues	Choose your favorite character. Create an image that shows how your character portrays a Catholic Virtue. Write a few sentences to explain your project.
Shoebox Diorama	Choose your favorite scene and make a diorama about it. Be sure to include background pictures that show the setting and the characters who were in the scene.
Alternate Ending for the book	Change the ending to something you like better! Make sure it's really different from what the author wrote. Write at least three pages. Be sure to include dialogue (talking characters), exciting action or a problem that the characters need to fix, and a solution to that action or problem.
Book Review	Convince your friends whether to read the book or not. Be honest about the good and bad things about the book. Turn in a typed copy of your review. Be sure to include a short summary (3-4 sentences), one or two good things about the book, and one or two bad thing about the book.
Sequel Summary	Think the story should have continued after the book was over? Write a summary of the sequel. Include: How the sequel starts out, information about the old and new characters, setting, plot summary, including exciting action or a problem that the characters need to fix, how the book will end.
Creative Artwork	Choose a scene, a character, or the setting and turn it into art! You can make a painting, a photo collage, a sculpture – whatever you can imagine! You can use any type of art material that you want – clay, Legos, paints, colored pencils, scrapbook paper, etc. The artwork that you turn in will be displayed.

Illustrative Summary

Briefly summarize the story in five complete sentences. Then write one or two sentences that explains the most beautiful thing that happened in the story. In the next paragraph, write a few sentences that explains which character in the book portrays a Catholic Virtue. Create a one-page illustration that shows this character in a scene from the book displaying this virtue.

Talk Show

Video yourself and a friend acting out the interview script. Your interview should have at least 10 questions and answers. The character's answers should be based off of the book and your imagination about how he or she would act. Turn in typed questions, answers and video of your interview. For turning in your video, please save on a USB flash drive and turn in to teacher. You may also try emailing your video to your new teacher or sharing via Google Drive but know that the file might be too large to upload.

Book Trailer

Just like a movie trailer gets you excited for a new movie; a book trailer can get your friends excited about a new book! Just don't give away the ending! Video tape yourself talking about the book. Hold up the book, pictures of the book's pictures (if there are any), pictures that represent things happening in the book, etc. Turn in a written copy of your script and your video.

Include: A quick summary, your favorite thing about the book, exciting parts of the story, a "conclusion" that tells the audience why they should read the book. For turning in your video, please save on a USB flash drive and turn in to teacher or share via Google Drive.

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Book	Author	Grade Level
Aesop's Fables	Aesop	2, 3, 4
Geronimo Stilton	Edizioni Piemme	2, 3, 4
Magic Treehouse	Mary Pope Osborne	2, 3, 4
Dragon Slayer's Academy	Kate McMullan	2, 3, 4

Stink	Megan McDonald	2, 3, 4
Ranger in Time	Kate Messner	2, 3, 4
The Year of the Book	Andrea Cheng	2, 3, 4
Bink and Gollie	Kate DiCamillo	2,3
Black Lagoon	Mike Thaler	2,3
Cam Jansen	David A. Adler	2,3
Young Cam Jansen	David A. Adler	2,3
Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel	2,3
George and Martha	James Marshall	2,3
Henry & Mudge	Cynthia Rylant	2,3
Horrible Harry	Suzy Kline	2,3
Humphrey's Tiny Tales	Betty Birney	2,3
Jigsaw Jones	James Preller	2,3
Mercy Watson	Kate DiCamillo	2,3
Nate the Great	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	2,3
Olivia Sharp	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	2,3
The Notebook of Doom	Cummings	2,3
Roscoe Riley	Katherine Applegate	2,3
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	2,3
"Branches" series		2,3
Princess in Black	Shannon Hale	2,3

Ready Freddy	Abby Klein	2, 3
Great Illustrated Classics		2, 3, 4, 5
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	2,3, 4
The Boxcar Children	Gertrude Chandler Warner	2,3, 4
Clementine	Sara Pennypacker	2,3, 4
Encyclopedia Brown	Donald J. Sobol	2,3, 4
Hamster Princess	Ursula Vernon	2,3, 4
Matt Christopher Sports	Matt Christopher	2,3, 4
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo	2,3, 4
Nancy Drew Notebook	Carolyn Keene	2,3, 4
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie, abridged or unabridged	2,3, 4
Race the Wild	Kristin Earhart	2,3, 4
The Terrible Two	Mac Barnett and Jory John	2,3, 4
The Fantastic Fame	Lin Oliver	2,3, 4
The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Claire	Amy Makenchnie	2,3, 4
Jenny Archer	Ellen Conford	3, 4
Judy Moody	Megan McDonald	3, 4
The Secrets of Droon	Tony Abbott	3, 4
The War I Finally Won	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	4, 5, 6, 7
Bubble	Stewart Foster	4, 5, 6
The Castle in the Attic	Elizabeth Winthrop	4, 5, 6

Dear America		4, 5, 6
My Name is America		4, 5, 6
Royal Diaries		4, 5, 6
The Familiars	Adam Jay Epstein	4, 5, 6
Half Magic	Edward Eager	4, 5, 6
Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief	Wendelin Van Draanen	4, 5, 6
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket	4, 5, 6
Sisters Grimm	Buckley	4, 5, 6
Tuesdays at the Castle	Jessica Day George	4, 5, 6
An Invisible Thread: Adapted for Young Readers	Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski	4, 5, 6
Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery	4, 5, 6
The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	4, 5, 6
Booked	Kwame Alexander	4, 5, 6
The Playbook	Kwame Alexander	4, 5, 6
Five Kingdoms	Brandon Mull	4, 5, 6
Gregor the Overlander	Suzanne Collins	4, 5, 6
Guys Read	Jon Scieszka	4, 5, 6
A Handful of Stars	Cynthia Lord	4, 5, 6
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	4, 5, 6
Scat	Carl Hiaasen	4, 5, 6

Flush	Carl Hiaasen	4, 5, 6
Chomp	Carl Hiaasen	4, 5, 6
Redwall	Brian Jacques	4, 5, 6
Seven Wonders	Peter Lerangis	4, 5, 6
A Snicker of Magic	Natalie Lloyd	4, 5, 6
Stef Soto, Taco Queen	Jennnifer Torres	4, 5, 6
A Tangle of Knots	Lisa Graff	4, 5, 6
39 Clues		4, 5
The Boys Start the War	Phillis Reynolds Naylor	4, 5
Frank Einstein	Jon Scieszka	4, 5
Platypus Polic Squad	Jarrett J. Krosoczka	4, 5
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	4, 5
Bubble	Stewart Foster	5, 6, 7, 8
Finding Perfect	Elly D. Swartz	5, 6, 7, 8
Lifeboat 12	Susan Hood	5, 6, 7, 8
The Luck Uglies	Paul Durham	5, 6, 7, 8
Fablehaven	Brandon Mull	5, 6, 7
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	5, 6, 7
The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody	Matthew Landis	5, 6, 7
Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	5, 6, 7

Until Tomorrow, Mr. Marsworth	Sheila O'Connor	5, 6, 7
Whichwood	Tahereh Mafi	5, 6, 7
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'ENgle	5, 6, 7
Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire	John August	5, 6, 7
Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	5, 6, 7
Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows	Ryan Calejo	5, 6, 7
The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Kelly Barnhill	5, 6, 7
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	5, 6, 7
Jinx	Sage Blackwood	5, 6, 7
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George	5, 6, 7
Scar Island	Dan Gemeinhart	5, 6, 7
The Secret of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel	Michael Scott	5, 6, 7
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanen	5, 6
The Key to Extraordinary	Natalie Lloyd	5, 6
Lily's Crossing	Patricia Reilly Giff	5, 6
Loot	Jude Watson	5, 6
Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crew	Jessica Townsend	5, 6
Amal Unbound	Aisha Saeed	6, 7, 8
The Little Prince	Antoine De Saint-Exupery	6, 7, 8

The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	6, 7, 8
Ranger's Apprentice	John Flanagan	6, 7, 8
Refugee	Alan Gratz	6, 7, 8
Track	Jason Reynolds	6, 7, 8
Young Bond	Charlie Higson	6, 7, 8
An Invisible Thread: Young Readers Version	Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski	6, 7, 8
Chronicles of Kazam	Jasper Fforde	6, 7, 8
The Night Gardener	Jonathan Auxier	6, 7
The Chronicles of Prydain	Lloyd Alexander	6, 7
Echo	Pam Munoz Ryan	7, 8
Found	Margaret Peterson Haddix	7, 8
Greenglass House	Kate Milford	7, 8
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse	Joseph Marshall	7, 8
The Journey of Little Charlie	Christopher Paul Curtis	7, 8
A Night Divided	Jennifer A. Nielsen	7, 8
Peter Nimble	Jonathan Auxier	7, 8
Redwall	Brian Jacques	7, 8
Seven Wonders	Peter Lerangis	7, 8
Saving Lucas Biggs	Marisa de los Santos	7, 8
Until Tomorrow, Mr.	Sheila O'Connor	7, 8

Marsworth		
A Mango-Shaped Space	Wendy Mass	7, 8
Amal Unbound	Aisha Saeed	7, 8
Between Shades of Gray	Ruta Sepetys	7, 8
Salt to the Sea	Ruta Sepetys	7, 8
Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	7, 8
The Brotherband Chronicles	John Flanagan	7, 8
Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	7, 8
The Devil's Arithmetic	Jane Yolen	7, 8
Ender's Fame	Orson Scott Card	7, 8
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	7, 8
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt	7, 8
Flying Lessons	Elle Oh	7, 8
Greenglass House	Kate Milford	7, 8
The Mark of the Dragonfly	Jaleigh Johnson	7, 8
The Night Gardener	Jonathan Auxier	7, 8
The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody	Matthew Landis	7, 8
Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper	7, 8
Piecing Me Together	Renee Watson	7, 8
Soul Sugar	Bethany Hamilton	7, 8
The Screwtape Letters	C.S. Lewis	7, 8

Until Tomorrow, Mr. Marsworth	Sheila O'Connor	7, 8
The War I Finally Won	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	7, 8
The Zodiac Legacy	Stan Lee	7, 8
Any Book by	Gratz	7, 8

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