



Dear Parents & Students,

Your child has worked very hard all year and is heading into summer vacation as a better reader. As you know, good readers read DAILY. Whenever possible, children should read 20-30 minutes per day. The summer months provide the perfect opportunity for your child to read for fun and keep up their academic skills while school is out.

I am encouraging that all middle school students, grades 5-8, read at least two books this summer. Attached you will find a list of suggested books for your child's grade level. Use this list as a guide to choosing books but please feel free to add any books you feel are appropriate for your child.

If your child decides to read books from this list over the summer, they will be able to take an Accelerated Reader test when they return in the fall and get a jump start on their first quarter requirements.

Remember, whether on the beach or hanging inside on a rainy day.....don't forget to curl up with a good book.

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at pwallenhorst@stmschool.com.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! See you all in August!

Mrs. Wallenhorst, Reading Department Chairperson



5th Grade Summer Reading List

BEEZUS AND RAMONA by Beverly Cleary
RALPH S. MOUSE by Beverly Cleary
HENRY HUGGINS by Beverly Cleary
DEAR MR. HENSHAW by Beverly Cleary
ZOOBREAK by Gordan Korman
SCHOOLED by Gordan Korman
UNGIFTED by Gordan Korman
FRAMED by Gordan Korman
SWINDLE by Gordan Korman
WONDER by R.J. Palacio
THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH by Patrick Skene Catling
MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
HALF MAGIC by Edward Eager
ELLA ENCHANTED by Gail Carson Levine
IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR AND JACKIE ROBINSON by Bette Bao Lord
JEREMY THATCHER, DRAGON HATCHER by Bruce Coville
HUNDRED DRESSES by Eleanor Estes
ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS by Scott O'Dell
HARRIET THE SPY by Louise Fitzhugh
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS by Thomas Rockwell
CHOCOLATE FEVER by Robert Kimmel Smith
STUART LITTLE by E.B. White
JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH by Roald Dahl
MATILDA by Roald Dahl
THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD by Lynne Reid Banks
THE MAGICIAN'S ELEPHANT by Kate DiCamillo
THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS by Kenneth Grahame
THE JUNGLE BOOK by Rudyard Kipling

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Summer Reading List

MANIAC MAGEE by Jerry Spinelli
RULES by Cynthia Lord
THEODORE BOONE: KID LAWYER by John Grisham
THE PUZZLING WORLD OF WINSTON BREEN by Eric Berlin
A TALE DARK AND GRIMM by Adam Gidwitz
DANNY CHAMPION OF THE WORLD by Roald Dahl
WONDER by R.J. Palacio
HOOT by Carl Hiassen
PRINCESS ACADEMY by Shannon Hale
THE RED PYRAMID by Rick Riordan
WATERSHIP DOWN by Richard Adams
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA by C.S. Lewis
TREASURE ISLAND by Robert Lewis Stevenson
A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH by Jules Vern
A DOG'S PURPOSE by Bruce Cameron
GREGOR THE UNDERLAND CHRONICLES by Suzanne Collins
THE WORST CLASS TRIP EVER by Dave Barry
GROUNDED: THE ADVENTURES OF RAPUNZEL by Arthur A. Levine
A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle
WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS by Wilson Rawls
TUCK EVERLASTING by Natalie Babbitt
THE GIVER by Lois Lowry
MY SISTER'S KEEPER by Jodi Picoult
THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET by Brian Selznick
WONDER STRUCK by Brian Selznick
MIDDLE SCHOOL THE WORST YEARS OF MY LIFE by James Patterson
WARRIORS by Erin Hunter
TRAVEL TEAM by Mike Lupica
MILLION DOLLAR THROW by Mike Lupica
FACE OFF by Jake Maddox
MAXIMUM RIDE SERIES by James Patterson
PERCY JACKSON SERIES by Rick Riordan
LORD OF THE RINGS SERIES by J. R. R. Tolkien
HARRY POTTER SERIES by J.K. Rowling
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA SERIES by C. S. Lewis