

St. Matthew's Parish School

Summer Reading List

6th – 8th Grade

Research has shown that regardless of other activities the best predictor of summer loss or summer gain is whether or not a child reads consistently. Furthermore, children who continue to read during summer vacation perform better in the fall when school resumes. Our goal at St. Matthew's is to have children experience the joy of reading good books during the summer and all year long.

Students entering Grades 6-8 will have the following required reading. In addition to the titles listed below, they must read at least two or more books (or books of comparable length and reading level) from the following list.

Required Reading

Grade 6

Dragonwings | Laurence Yep

Grade 7

The Outsiders | S. E. Hinton

Grade 8

The Pearl | John Steinbeck

Also read one other book/play by: Steinbeck, Hemingway, Orwell, Golding, Shakespeare, Salinger, Arthur Miller, or Robert Newton Peck.

+ INDICATES CONTENT REQUIRES PARENTAL APPROVAL OR THE BOOK IS FOR ADVANCED READERS.

AUTHOR	TITLE
Achebe, Chinua	Things Fall Apart+
Adams, Richard	Watership Down+
Adler, David A.	B. Franklin, Printer (nonfiction)
Alcott, Louis May	Little Women+
Allende, Isabel	City of the Beasts
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever, 1793+
Armstrong, William	Sunder
Austen, Jane	Pride and Prejudice+
Aver, Eleanor H.	Parallel Journeys (nonfiction)
Avi	Nothing but the Truth+
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Barrett, William E.	The Lilies of The Field+
Barron, T.A.	Lost Years of Merlin Series
Bauer, Joan	Best Foot Forward
Bauer, Joan	Hope Was Here
Bauer, Joan	Rules of the Road

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Bauer, Marion Dane	On My Honor
Blos, Joan W.	A Gathering of Days: A New England
Blos, Joan W.	Girl's Journal 1830-32
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre+
Bronte, Emily	Wuthering Heights+
Brooks, Bruce	All That Remains
Brooks, Polly	Queen Eleanor: Independent Spirit of the Medieval World (nonfiction)
Buck, Pearl S.	The Good Earth+
Burchard, Peter	Frederick Douglass: for the Great Family of Man (nonfiction)
Burns, Olive Ann	Cold, Sassy Tree+
Byars, Betsy	The Summer of the Swans
Calhoun, Dia	Firegold
Cather, Willa	My Antonia+
Chan, Gillian	The Carved Box
Chima, Cinda Williams	The Warrior Heir Series
Choi, Sook Nyul	The Year of Impossible Goodbyes
Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does My Shirts
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl series
Colfer, Eoin	The Wish List
Coman, Carolyn	What Jamie Saw
Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising Series
Crossley-Holland, Kevin	The Seeing Stone
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bucking the Sarge
Cushman, Karen	Catherine, Called Birdy
Cushman, Karen	Rodzina
Cushman, Karen	The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
Cushman, Karen	The Midwife's Apprentice
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe
DeMaurier, Daphne	My Cousin Rachel
DeMaurier, Daphne	Rebecca+
Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield+
Dickens, Charles	Great Expectations +
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	The Hound of the Baskervilles
Dumas, Alexander	The Count of Monte Cristo
Dumas, Alexander	The Three Musketeers
DuPrau, Jeanne	The City of Ember
Ellis, Deborah	The Breadwinner
Farmer, Nancy	The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm
Farmer, Nancy	The House of the Scorpion
Farmer, Nancy	The Sea of Trolls
Filipovic, Zlata	Zlata's Diary (nonfiction)
Fleischman, Paul	Seedfolks
Fleischman, Paul	Whipping Boy
Fleischman, Paul	Whirligig
Flanagan, John	The Ranger's Apprentice Series
Frank, Anne	Anne Frank: A Diary of a Young Girl
Freedman, Russell	The Wright Brothers: How They invented the Airplane

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Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart
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Grealey, Lucy	Autobiography of a Face+
Gunther, John	Death Be Not Proud (nonfiction)
Haddon, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog at Nighttime +
Harris, Joanne	Chocolat+
Hautzig, Esther	The Endless Steppe: Growing up in Siberia (nonfiction)
Hayes, Daniel	The Trouble with Lemons
Henkes, Kevin	Olive's Ocean
Hiasson, Carl	Flush
Hiasson, Carl	Hoot
Hinton, James	Goodbye, Mr. Chips
Hinton, James	Lost Horizon
Hinton, S.E.	Tex
Hinton, S.E.	That Was Then, This Is Now
Hobbs, Will	Jason's Gold
Holm, Jennifer L.	Our Only May Amelia
Holmes, Barbara Ware	Following Fake Man
Holt, Kimberly Willis	When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
Horowitz, Anthony	Alex Rider Adventure Series
Horowitz, Anthony	Gatekeepers Series
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle
Howe, Norma	The Adventures of Blue Avenger Series
Ibbotson, Eva	The Secret of Platform 13
Ibbotson, Eva	The Star of Kazan
Ingold, Jeanette	The Big Burn
Issacs, Anne	Torn Thread
Keller, Helen	The Story of My Life (nonfiction)
Kennedy, John F.	Profiles in Courage (nonfiction)
Kerr, P.B.	One Small Step
Keyes, Daniel	Flowers for Algernon+
Kidd, Sue Monk	The Secret Life of Bees+
Klise, Kate	Deliver us from Normal
Knowles, John	A Separate Peace+
Konigsburg, E.L.	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Konigsburg, E.L.	The View From Saturday
Konigsburg, E. L.	A Proud Taste for Scarlet & Miniver
Korman, Gordon	No More Dead Dogs
Larson, Kirby	Hattie Big Sky
Lawrence, Iain	B for Buster+
Le Guin, Ursula	The Wizard of Earthsea+
Leronx, Gaston	Phantom of the Opera+
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted
Lion, Melissa	Upstream+
London, Jack	Call of the Wild+
London, Jack	White Fang+

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Lowry, Lois	A Summer to Die
Lowry, Lois	Gathering Blue
Lowry, Lois	Messenger
Magorian, Michelle	Good Night, Mr. Tom
Markandaya, Kamala	Nectar in a Sieve+
Martel, Yann	Life of Pi+
Martin, Ann	A Corner of the Universe
Mass, Wendy	A Mango-Shaped Space
McKinley, Robin	The Blue Sword+
McKissack, Patricia	The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural
Melling, O.R.	The Hunter's Moon+
Meyer, L.A.	The Curse of the Blue Tattoo
Mitchell, Margaret	Gone with the Wind+
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful
Murphy, Jim	The Great Fire
Owen, James	Here There Be Dragons+
Paolini, Christopher	Inheritance series+
Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard+
Paterson, Katherine	Jacob Have I Loved
Paton, Alan	Cry, the Beloved Country+
Paver, Michelle	Chronicles of Ancient Darkness
Pearsall, Shelley	Trouble Don't Last
Peck, Richard	A Long Way From Chicago
Peck, Richard	A Year Down Yonder
Peck, Richard	The River Between Us
Pierce, Tamora	The Immortals fantasy Series
Poe, Edgar Allan	Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness
Porter, Tracey	A Dance of Sisters
Pullman, Phillip	The Amber Spyglass+
Pullman, Phillip	The Golden Compass+
Pullman, Phillip	The Subtle Knife+
Rawlings, Marjorie, Kinnan	The Yearling+
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows
Reis, Johanna	The Upstairs Room
Remarque, Erich Maria	All Quiet on the Western Front+
Richter, Conrad	A Light in the Forest
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson & the Olympians Series
Ritter, John	The Boy Who Saved Baseball
Roberts, Kristi	My Thirteenth Season
Rorby, Ginny	Hurt Go Happy+
Rylant, Cynthia	Missing May+
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising
Rylant, Cynthia	A Fine White Dust
Shusterman, Neal	Everlost+
Sender, Jerry	The Cage+
Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein+

AUTHOR	TITLE
Sonnenblick, Jordan	Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie
Soto, Gary	Baseball in April and Other Stories
Spinelli, Jerry	Milkweed+
Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl
Stauffacher, Sue	Donuthead & Donutheart
Steinbeck, John	East of Eden+
Stevenson, Robert Louis	The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Stoker, Bram	Dracula+
Stroud, Jonathan	Bartimaeus (trilogy)
Taylor, Mildred	Song of the Trees
Taylor, Theodore	The Cay
Thomas, Jane Resh	Behind the Mask: the Life of Queen Elizabeth I(nonfiction)
Ullman, James	Banner in the Sky
Verne, Jules	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea+
Voight, Cynthia	Dacey's Song
Weis, Margaret	The Dragon's Son
Wells, H.G.	The Time Machine+
Westerfield, Scott	Ugias trilogy
White, Ruth	Belle Prater's Boy
Williams, Maiya	The Golden Hour
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Make Lemonade+
Wooten, Jim	We Are All the Same(nonfiction)
Yep, Lawrence	Child of the Owl+
Yep, Lawrence	Dragonwings+
Zindel, Paul	The Gadget
Zusak, Markus	I Am the Messenger+
Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief+