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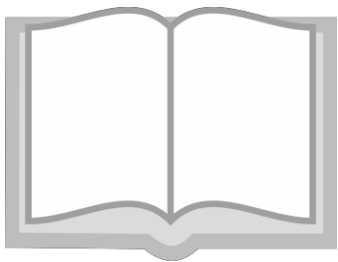
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2019-2020 Recommended Summer Reading for Upcoming 1st graders

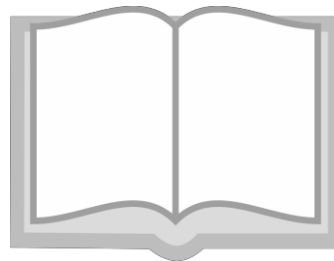
It is recommended that all students entering 1st grade should read at least 5 books aloud over the summer. These books may be read to the child by a parent, by the child themselves, or a combination.

We ask that the title be written on this page and have the child color the book in to show that it was read. A copy will also be available online.

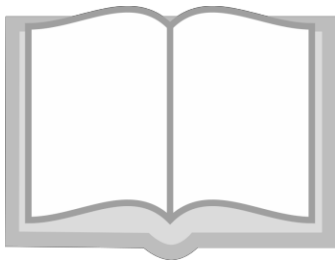
If this form is turned in by **Friday, August 9**, the child will receive a certificate for reading over the summer.



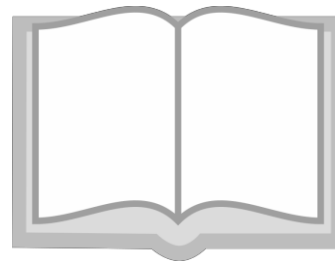
Book 1 Title



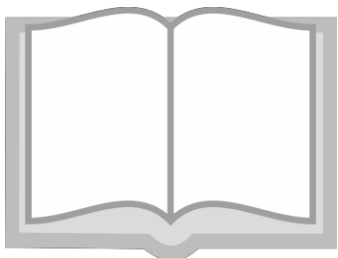
Book 2 Title



Book 3 Title



Book 4 Title



Book 5 Title





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Summer Reading for upcoming 2nd graders

Reading during the summer is important. We require our upcoming 2nd graders to read two books during the summer. They will be taking a paper test on both books.

All students must read:

Arthur's Lost Puppy by Marc Brown – 1.9 Reading Level

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a total of two books to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level
<u>The Berenstain Bears by the Sea</u>	Stan Berenstain	1.5
<u>Arthur's Reading Race</u>	Marc Brown	1.5
<u>Pete the Cat and the Tip-Top Tree House</u>	James Dean	1.6
<u>Curious George Takes a Trip</u>	Moscovich	1.8
<u>A Dollar for Penny</u>	Julie Glass	1.4
<u>Little Lucy</u>	Ilene Cooper	1.8

Please have your child read the two books aloud to you over the summer and then complete the attached log that is also available online.

Students are always welcome and encouraged to read more than two books over the summer to practice their reading skills.

Saint Thomas More Summer Reading Log Upcoming 2nd Graders

Each time you read a book, talk about it with your parents and then write two things you liked about it using complete sentences in the spaces below. You will turn in this page on **Friday, August 9, 2019** to your Language Arts teacher. **This will count as a grade. This form must be completed in the student's handwriting.**

Student's Name _____

Once you select a book from the list, your child should be able to read the first page with three or fewer mistakes. This will help you determine the suitability of the reading level of the book. Parents please initial each book your child has read.

Title Arthur's Lost Puppy

Author Marc Brown

Two things I liked about this book were:

Parent's initial _____

Title _____

Author _____

Two things I liked about this book were:

Parent's initial _____



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Summer Reading for upcoming 3rd graders

Reading during the summer is important. We require our upcoming 3rd graders to read two books during the summer. They will be taking a computerized test on both books.

All students must read:

Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne – 2.6 RL

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a total of two books to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level
<u>Blue Ribbon Blues</u>	Jerry Spinelli	2.7
<u>The Boy Who Ate Dog Biscuits</u>	Betsy Sachs	2.6
<u>Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea</u>	Cynthia Rylant	2.5
<u>Monkey, Me, & the New Neighbor</u>	Timothy Roland	2.4
<u>Raining Cats & Detectives</u>	Colleen AF Venable	2.6

**It is highly recommended that students review the books before testing.

*** The summer reading test comprehension scores count as a test grade and any points earned are not counted toward the 1st nine weeks AR point requirements. Any student who does not read and/or test on the summer novels will receive a 0% as a major test grade!

**** Students are encouraged to come to our summer reading test dates to test over the summer. Only one (1) book may be tested on each date.

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Summer Reading for upcoming 4th graders

Reading during the summer is important. We require our upcoming 4th graders to read two books during the summer. They will be taking a computerized test on both books.

All students must read:

Shredderman: Secret Identity by Wendelin Van Draanen – 3.3 RL

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a total of two books to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level
<u>Chewy and Chica</u>	Ellen Miles	4.2
<u>I Was a Third Grade Science Project</u>	Mary Jane Auch	3.7
<u>The Monster's Ring</u>	Bruce Coville	3.9
<u>Mr. Cooper is Super!</u>	Dan Gutman	3.8
<u>Uncle Pirate</u>	Douglas Rees	3.4

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Summer Reading for upcoming 5th graders

Reading during the summer is important. We require our upcoming 5th graders to read two books during the summer. They will be taking a computerized test on both books.

All students must read:

Wonder by R. J. Palacio – 4.8 RL

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a total of two books to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level
<u>Outlandish Adventures of Liberty Aims</u>	Kelly Easton	4.1
<u>The Colossus Rises</u>	Peter Lerangis	4.1
<u>Closed for the Season</u>	Mary Downing Hahn	4.4
<u>My Louisiana Sky</u>	Kimberly Holt	4.6
<u>Esperanza Rising</u>	Pam Munoz Ryan	5.3

*The average of both AR tests will be recorded as a single 100 point test grade in Literature for the 1st nine weeks.

**It is highly recommended that students review the books before testing.

*** The summer reading test comprehension scores count as a test grade and any points earned are not counted toward the 1st nine weeks AR point requirements. Any student who does not read and/or test on the summer novels will receive a 0% as a major test grade!

**** Students are encouraged to come to our summer reading test dates to test over the summer. Only one (1) book may be tested on each date.

Students are always welcome and encouraged to read more than two books over the summer to practice their reading skills.



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Summer Reading for upcoming 6th graders

Reading during the summer is important. We require our upcoming 6th graders to read two books during the summer. They will be taking a computerized test on both books.

All students must read:

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls – 4.9 RL

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a **total of two books** to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level
<u>Assassin</u>	Anna Meyers	5.2
<u>Heaven is for Real</u>	Todd Burpo	6.3
<u>The Island of the Blue Dolphin</u>	Scott O'Dell	5.4
<u>Secret Life of Mrs. Finkleman</u>	Ben Winters	5.8
<u>The War that Saved My Life</u>	Kimberly B. Bradley	4.1

*The average of both AR tests will be recorded as a single 100 point test grade in Literature for the 1st nine weeks.

**It is highly recommended that students review the books the weeks before school starts.

*** The summer reading test comprehension scores count as a test grade and any points earned are not counted toward the 1st nine weeks AR point requirements. Any student who does not read and/or test on the summer novels will receive a 0% as a major test grade!

**** Students are encouraged to come to our summer reading test dates to test over the summer. Only one (1) book may be tested on each date.

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Summer Reading for upcoming 7th graders

All students must read:

Mockingbird by Katherine Erskine – 3.6 RL – (Realistic Fiction)

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a **total of two books** to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level and interests of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level	Genre
<u>I Am Malala</u> (Young Reader's Edition)	Malala Yousafzai	5.9	Autobiography
<u>Hatchet</u>	Gary Paulsen	5.7	Realistic Fiction
<u>Out of My Mind</u>	Sharon Draper	4.3	Realistic Fiction
<u>Wednesday Wars</u>	Gary Schmidt	5.9	Historical Fiction

Students will **NOT** take an AR test on any of these books.

Reading Guides:

Students will complete a reading guide for the mandatory book and chapter summaries will be written for the book of choice. These will be provided in paper form at the end of the school year and will also be available online on the STM website. Guides and summaries are due the first day of class.

Assessment:

Mockingbird:

Students will discuss study guide questions and complete a pencil /paper test.

Book of choice:

Students will complete a group project for their book of choice which will include a short quiz and a book report.



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Summer Reading for upcoming 8th graders

All students must read:

October Sky by Homer Hickman – 5.9 RL – (Autobiography)
(also called Rocket Boys)

Students must **choose one additional book** from the list below to read for a **total of two books** to read over the summer.

When choosing a book below, consider the reading level and interests of your child. We want them to enjoy reading over the summer.

Title	Author	Reading Level	Genre
<u>Code Orange</u>	Caroline Cooney	6.2	Realistic Fiction
<u>The Book Thief</u>	Markus Zusak	5.1	Historical Fiction
<u>The Egypt Game</u>	Zilpha Synder	6.4	Mystery
<u>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</u>	Margaret Craven	6.0	Historical Fiction
<u>Kennedy's Last Days</u>	Bill O'Reilly	7.9	Biography

Students will **NOT** take an AR test on any of these books.

Assessment:

October Sky Using the text, students will complete a packet of activities.

Book of choice: Students will complete a pen/pencil and paper test.