

St. Mary's

SUMMER READING GUIDE

Includes Required &
Recommended Reading

Summer 2023

For rising
1st and 2nd Graders



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HOWDY!

Summer is for FUN! I can't wait to bike, swim, chill, travel and read and then read some more and even more! Here are some great books for you to carry on your travels or right at home in your own backyard!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ✿ reading is fun!
- ✿ reading is very good for you—for you now and the future you!
- ✿ St. Mary's wants everyone to read over the summer—it helps you to remember all the cool stuff you learned all year!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- ✿ read—at least 5 books on or near your reading level.
- ✿ use this guide to make finding good books easy, but don't limit yourself to this guide—read what you can, where you can!
- ✿ if you'd like a Bookworm Award (aka: a Certificate of Accomplishment), turn in a reading log by the first day of school. Luckily, there's a built-in log right in this guide!

Happy Reading! Mrs. England-Burnside, May 2023

AWARD WINNERS!

THESE WERE THE TIP OF THE TOP FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2022!



RANDOLPH CALDECOTT AWARD

Hot Dog by Doug Salati



THEODORE SEUSS GEISEL AWARD

I Did It! by Michael Emberley



JOHN NEWBERY AWARD

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson



ROBERT F. SIBERT INFORMATIONAL BOOK AWARD

Seen and Unseen by Elizabeth Partridge



CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD

ILLUSTRATOR AWARD: *Standing in the Need of Prayer*
by Carole Boston Weatherford

AUTHOR AWARD: *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson



PURA BELPRE AWARDS

ILLUSTRATOR AWARD: *Where Wonder Grows* by Xelena Gonzalez

AUTHOR AWARD: *Frizzy* by Claribel Ortega



THE CHARLOTTE ZOLOTOW AWARD

Me And the Boss by Michelle Edwards



THE EZRA JACK KEATS AWARD

How to Say Hello to a Worm by Kari Percival
Hot Dog by Doug Salati



THE IRMA BLACK AWARD

Bathe the Cat by Alice McGinty



SEQUOYAH AWARD (given by Oklahoma Children)

Stella by McCall Hoyle



THE OKLAHOMA BOOK AWARD – Children's Award

Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer

STUDENTS' PICKS:

FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS!

THIS YEAR'S 1ST GRADE RECOMMEND THESE FOR NEXT YEAR'S 1ST GRADE!

Lucy B. says:	<i>We Don't Eat Our Classmates</i> by Ryan T. Higgins
Addy B. says:	<i>Happy Easter, Dear Dragon</i> by Margaret Hillert
Layla B. says:	<i>How to Catch a Witch</i> by Alice Walstead
Emilia D. says:	the "Rainbow Magic" fairies series by Daisy Meadows
Jovie D. says:	<i>Fantastic Tales of Nothing</i> by Alejandra Green
Lillian D-T says:	<i>Uni the Unicorn</i> by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Jack G. says:	<i>Egypt</i> by Walter SImmons
Ari G. says:	<i>Dragonsitter's Castle</i> by Josh Lacey
Charlotte G. says:	<i>Diary of a Wombat</i> by Jackie French
William H. says:	<i>20,000 Fleas Under the Sea</i> by Dav Pilkey
Riley H. says:	<i>One</i> by Kathryn Otoshi
Darcy H. says:	<i>How to Catch a Mermaid</i> by Adam Wallace
Spencer K. says:	<i>Ralph Writes a Story</i> by Abby Hanlon
Vivian K. says:	<i>Two For One</i> (a Bink & Gollie book) by Kate DiCamillo
Baker L. says:	<i>Scaredy Squirrel Prepares for Christmas</i> by Melanie Watt
Emma M. says:	the "Charlie the Ranch Dog" series by Ree Drummond
Nora M. says:	<i>The Book That Did Not Want to Be Read</i> by David Sundin
Peyton M. says:	<i>Green Eggs & Ham</i> by Dr. Seuss
Chappel M. says:	<i>The Legend of Saint Nicholas</i> by Demi
Aurora N. says:	<i>When Jesus Was a Little Boy</i> by Margi McCombs
Ella O. says:	<i>Paulette, the Pinkest Puppy in the World</i> by Thomas Nelson
Bailey P. says:	"Noodles" books by Hans Wilhelm
Lydia P. says:	<i>Come Over to My House</i> by Theo LeSieg
Vail P. says:	<i>Dona Esmerelda Who Ate Everything</i> by Melissa De La Cruz
Ethan R. says:	the "Wings of Fire" series by Tui Sutherland
Damian S. says:	<i>Waiting Is Not Easy</i> by Mo Willems
Scarlett T. says:	"Pusheen" books by Claire Belton
Aven T. says:	the "Dream Traveler's Quest" books by Ted Dekker
Linda W-A. says:	<i>Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day</i> by Betty Birney
Jacob W. says:	<i>Lionel Messi</i> by Derek Moon
Suzi W. says:	<i>How to Catch a Unicorn</i> by Adam Wallace
Sabra Y. says:	<i>R Is for Rocket</i> by Tad Hills

**THIS YEAR'S 2ND GRADE RECOMMEND THESE
FOR NEXT YEAR'S 2ND GRADE!**

ABIGAIL SAYS:	the "Whatever After" series by Sarah Mylnowski
AIDAN SAYS:	<i>I Survived the Grizzly Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967</i> by Lauren Tarshis
ARI SAYS:	<i>Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventures</i> by Jeff Kinney
ATA SAYS:	<i>The Giving Tree</i> by Shel Silverstein
BRADY SAYS:	<i>I Survived Mount Saint Helen's</i> by Lauren Tarshis
BROOKS SAYS:	<i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i> by Mary Pope Osborne
CALVIN SAYS:	<i>The Case of the Weird Blue Chicken</i> by Doreen Cronin
CREW SAYS:	<i>Ponies</i> by Laura Marsh
EMMY SAYS:	<i>Junie B. Jones Boss of Lunch</i> by Barbara Park
EVELYN SAYS:	<i>Junie B. Jones Cheater Pants</i> by Barbara Park
FRANKIE SAYS:	the "Mercy Watson" series by Kate DiCamillo
HUDSON SAYS:	<i>Days With Frog and Toad</i> by Arnold Lobel
JACKSON SAYS:	<i>The Race Against Time</i> by Geronimo Stilton
JAY SAYS:	<i>Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid</i> by Jeff Kinney
JUNE SAYS:	<i>A Woodland Wedding (Owl Diaries # 3)</i> by Rebecca Elliott
KAIYA SAYS:	<i>You Are Enough</i> by Grace Byers
LANDON SAYS:	<i>Another Monster at the End of This Book</i> by Jon Stone
LIAM SAYS:	<i>Into the Wild (Warriors #1)</i> by Erin Hunter
LARA SAYS:	<i>The Inflatables in Bad Air Day</i> by Beth Garrod
MARGOT SAYS:	the "Elephant and Piggie" series by Mo Willems
MAX SAYS:	<i>I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor</i> by Lauren Tarshis
MILA SAYS:	<i>A Little Monkey Business (Junie B.)</i> by Barbara Park
OAKLEE SAYS:	<i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i> by Mary Pope Osborne
ROCCO SAYS:	<i>The Bad Guys In Attack of the Zittens</i> by Aaron Blabey
ROSE SAYS:	<i>The Boxcar Children</i> by Gertrude Chandler Warner
THOMAS SAYS:	the "Jedi Academy" series by Jeffrey Brown

**NEW 2nd Graders-Remember to read
the Required Summer Reading book:
Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin! It's
super fun!**



FANTASTIC FICTION!

HERE ARE AMAZING NEW BOOKS,
AWESOME CLASSICS, AND PLENTY IN BETWEEN!

KEY TO GENRE SYMBOLS:

🌀 = an "Early"/"Easy" reader book

📖 = a book in picture book format % a chapter book to read together



Dear reader, just read, even if it's not from the following pages. Just read. Always read.



Get on the Ice, Mo! 🌀

David Adler

Feeling a little overheated? Check out the latest adventure featuring Mo, our favorite athlete who never lets being a newbie stop him from trying!

King Baby 📖

Kate Beaton

A SMES favorite telling the adventures of the new monarch—"King Baby"! His rule is absolute! His power immense! But can he stay on the throne forever?

The Stories Julian Tells %

Ann Cameron

Originally published in 1982, this classic has SMES kids howling with laughter to this very day. Julian has a gift for storytelling, in more ways than one!

Knight Owl 📖

Christopher Denise

Little Owl is so hopeful—he wants to be a Knight Owl so badly, but will he get a chance? Read about his brave efforts in joining the Knight Night Watch.

Once Upon a Tim %

Stuart Gibbs

A fun new series featuring Tim, who always figured he'd be a woodsman like his dad wanted to be a knight! Great character lessons plus lots of fun.

Little Houses 📖

Kevin Henkes

In this latest from SMES favorite author, a girl visits the beach with her grandparents and discovers all sorts of creatures who live in all sorts of houses!

Book Uncle and Me %**Uma Krishaswami**

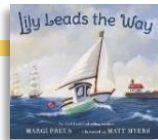
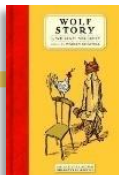
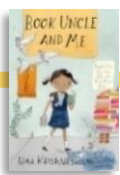
Yasmin owes her love of reading partly to Book Uncle, but when their town's mayor threatens to shut down Book Uncle's free library, Yasmin must help!

Wolf Story %**William McCleery**

First published in 1947, this is still a favorite at SMES! It's not only funny, but proves that bedtime has always been rough. But *Wolf Story* will smooth that!

Big Shark, Little Shark, and the Spooky Cave ✨**Anna Membrino**

Big Shark and Little Shark are headed to a party in a cave but Big Shark is too scared to go inside. Will Little Shark be able to help him get to the party?

**Clementine %****Sara Pennypacker**

Clementine is very much her own person, a little feisty, a teensy bit sassy, but all heart and wonder. Boys and girls love reading her adventures!

Lily Leads the Way 📖**Margi Preus**

Toot, Toot! It's time to raise the drawbridge to let the boats pass below! Except...what's that? Some boats too old to have horns? Lily to the rescue!

Ice Cream Summer 📖**Peter Sis**

If it's summer, it must be time for ice cream. A boy and his granddad exchange letters but the boy's all mention ice cream...funny & sweet!

Interrupting Chicken: Cookies for Breakfast 📖**David Ezra Stein**

In his usual way, Chicken has her own ideas about how things should work (like time!) and enlists classic tales to convince Papa that things should go her way!

There's a Pest in the Garden! ✨**Jan Thomas**

Perennial SMES favorite, Thomas takes us on a mystery into what could be eating up the garden. Can Duck solve it? Really, read any of her books!

Little Witch Hazel: A Year in the Forest 📖**Phoebe Wahl**

A set of four sweet stories in which a little witch explores her forest, discovering things growing, living, all while she learns.

SOME SUPER SERIES!

Humans are creatures of habit and when we find something that works, we tend to go back for more of that thing. Emerging readers especially love series and if I had a list of *all* of the great series for this age group, it would be the size of a small phone book. But here are some favorites—some tried and true classics and some new ones as well. If you find something that encourages reading, read more and more of it!

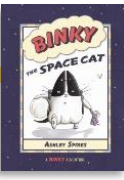
SERIES NAME	AUTHOR	SERIES NAME	AUTHOR
"Cam Jansen" and more	David Adler	"Song Lee", "Horrible Harry"	Suzy Kline
"The Sisters Eight"	Lauren Baratz-Logsted	"Arthur Chapter Books"	Stephen Krensky
"According to Humphrey"	Betty Birney	"Katie Kazoo", "Magic Bone", "George Brown", etc.	Nancy Krulik
"The Bad Guys"	Aaron Blabey	"Dragonsitter"	Josh Lacey
"Bed and Biscuit"	Joan Carris	"Catwings"	Ursula LeGuin
"Eerie Elementary"	Jack Chabert	"Frog and Toad" & more	Arnold Lobel
"Matt Christopher Sports Classics"	Matt Christopher and others	"Gooney Bird Greene"	Lois Lowry
"Heidi Heckelbeck"	Wanda Coven	"Katie Woo", "Pedro"	Fran Manushkin
"Chicken Squad"	Doreen Cronin	"Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol"	Andres Miedoso
"Bailey School Kids"	Debbie Dadey	"Amelia", "Max Disaster"	Marissa Moss
"Charlie the Ranch Dog"	Ree Drummond	"Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe"	Wanda Nees
"Mercy Watson", "Tales of Deckawoo Dr."	Kate DiCamillo	"Amelia Bedelia"	Peggy or Herman Parish
"Owl Diaries"	Rebecca Elliott	"Piper Green", "Big Foot & Little Foot"	Ellen Potter
"My Father's Dragon"	Ruth Stiles Gannett	"A to Z Mysteries", "Calendar Mysteries"	Ron Roy
"Polk Street School"	Patricia Reilly Giff	"Henry & Mudge", "Mr. Putter & Tabby", etc.	Cynthia Rylant
"Rabbit & Bear"	Julian Gough	"Time Warp Trio"	Jon Scieszka
"Princess Posey"	Stephanie Greene	"Nate the Great"	Marjorie Sharmat
"My Weird School", etc.	Dan Gutman	"Cowgirl Kate & Cocoa"	Erica Silverman
"Princess in Black"	Shannon Hale	"Encyclopedia Brown"	Donald Sobol
"Dory Fantasmagory"	Abby Hanlon	"Keena Ford"	Melissa Thomson
"Penny" books	Kevin Henkes	"Phoebe & Her Unicorn"	Dana Simpson
"Ready, Freddy"	Abby Klein	"Ellray Jakes", "Absolutely Alfie"	Sally Warner

GREAT GRAPHIC NOVELS!

GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE A GREAT WAY TO LEARN TO EMBRACE
READING—BRIDGING PICTURE BOOKS AND CHAPTER BOOKS!



Cranky Chicken



Katherine Battersbey

Everything about Chicken is cranky, from her beak to her feet, she's just blah. Then along comes Speedy the worm whom she saves...lunch or a new friend?



Friends Do Not Eat Friends (Thunder & Cluck #1)

Jill Esbaum

This clever little book not only explains how to read a graphic book or comic, but it also presents a tale of friendship in danger...uh oh, can it be saved?!



Super Amoeba (Squish #1)

Jennifer Holm

This is the first of a fun series, sure to encourage budding young scientists to explore the world with a new eye (check out Jason Chin's new illustrated nonfiction book—*The Universe In You*.)



The Flower Garden

Renee Kurilla

Anna and Tess plant seeds from a packet in the garden and end up falling asleep, but when they awake, their seeds are now flowers and they're now teeny tiny! What happened?!?



We Dig Worms!

Kevin McCloskey

Another book featuring a worm, but this time, a nifty informative book all about worms, what they do, how they do it, and how we all benefit! Hoorah!

Binky the Space Cat

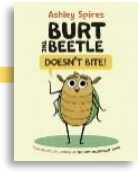
Ashley Spires

This silly series is a true SMES favorite—check out this goofy kitty as he explores things with his amazing imagination.

Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite

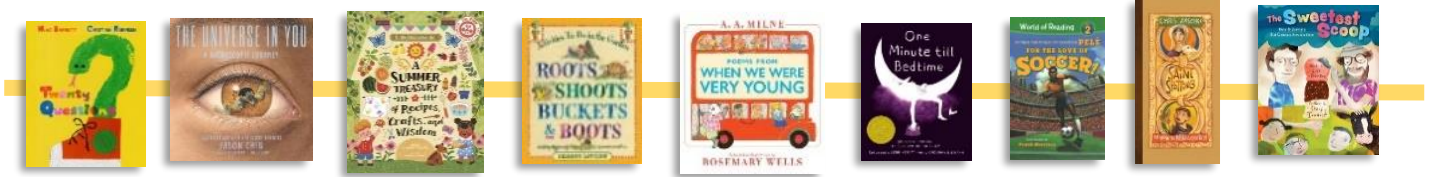
Ashley Spires

Spires just can't stop writing fun stories, but this one has interesting facts about those pesky June bugs that are probably buzzing at night this time of year!



NONFICTION

INCLUDING POETRY AND BIOGRAPHIES



Twenty Questions

Mac Barnett

A fun exploration of thinking about thinking and questioning the questions...you won't be able to put it down!

The Universe in You

Jason Chin

Go beyond what the eye can see and explore God's wonders in the particles visible only with help from powerful microscopes. Prepare to be amazed!

A Summer Treasury of Recipes, Crafts, and Wisdom

Angela Ferraro-Fanning

One of the new series called "Little Homesteaders", this shares modern kid-friendly ways of doing things from long ago. There's one for each for year-round fun!

Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots

Sharon Lovejoy

This perennial (get it?!?) classic will always be on this list because there is *always* a place for gardening in a young one's life! Start small and grow big!

Poems From When We Were Very Young

A.A.Milne & Rosemary Wells

Wells presents twelve of the original poems by the creator of Winnie the Pooh, illustrating them in her signature happy, appealing way.

One Minute Till Bedtime: 60 Second Poems to Send You to Sleep

Christoph Niemann

A sweet SMES favorite, great as an intro to poetry, and bedtime, too!

For the Love of Soccer

Pelé

Written by the legend himself, Pele describes the game and his own career.

Saint Spotting, or, How to Read a Church

Christopher Raschka

A little boy and his mother go through a church, where the boy shares all he has learned about the geography of a church and common saint images.

The Sweetest Scoop: Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Revolution

Lisa Robinson

Summer means ICE CREAM! Learn about two guys who knew *nothing* about ice cream except they had to try. And try and try they did to yummy success!

REQUIRED READING

Experts who study learning and brain development say that if children read at *least 4-5 books on your reading level* over the summer, they will be **much** better prepared to begin the new school year ready to learn. Plus, it's just fun!

FIRST GRADE:

Mrs. Mitchell and Ms. Thomason don't *require* that you read these, but strongly suggest that you read a few titles from these series:

TITLE/SERIES NAME	AUTHOR	FORMAT
"Fly Guy"	Tedd Arnold	ER
"Clifford"	Norman Bridwell	ER & PB
"Biscuit"	Alyssa Satin Capucilli	ER
"Pete the Cat"	James Dean/Eric Litwin	ER & PB
"Charlie the Ranch Dog"	Ree Drummond	ER & PB
"Noodles the Dog"	Hans Wilhelm	ER
"Elephant & Piggie"	Mo Willems	ER
"Pigeon"	Mo Willems	PB

ER=Early Reader

PB=Picture Book

SECOND GRADE:

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure by Doreen Cronin

And now is the time to take a look at the book that is required for all new 2nd graders. All 2nd graders will need to *read it by the first day of school*. It's so good you'll be glad you read it! You can buy it, borrow it, read it in print or digitally—it doesn't matter as long as you read it before the first day of school.



The teachers have chosen a fun book that you'll really enjoy. It's about life on a farm, focusing on four chicks: Peep, Little Boo, Poppy, and Sweet Coconut Louise (Sweetie for short) as they get up to some pretty sly mystery-solving mischief under the (occasionally) watchful eye of farm dog, JJ Tully. As soon as you finish this first in the series, you'll want to keep reading! Enjoy!

My Name: _____

MY READING LOG!

Here's the place to record what you've read over the summer and even what you thought of it! You can give a book 0 – 5 stars, if you like. Remember to fill in the Required Reading Books!

TITLE	AUTHOR	# of Stars
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1. _____

My favorite character: _____

My favorite part of the story: _____

Would I recommend this to my friends? Yes No (circle one)

2. _____

My favorite character: _____

My favorite part of the story: _____

Would I recommend this to my friends? Yes No (circle one)

3. _____

My favorite character: _____

My favorite part of the story: _____

Would I recommend this to my friends? Yes No (circle one)

4. _____

My favorite character: _____

My favorite part of the story: _____

Would I recommend this to my friends? Yes No (circle one)

5. _____

My favorite character: _____

My favorite part of the story: _____

Would I recommend this to my friends? Yes No (circle one)

Read at least THIS MANY to get a BOOKWORM AWARD in August!