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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!

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❀reading is <u>very</u> good for you—for you now <u>and</u> 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:

<u>*read</u>—at least <u>5</u> books on or near your reading level.
<u>*</u>use this guide to make finding good books easy, but don't limit yourself to this guide—read what you can, where you can!
<u>*</u>if you'd like a Bookworm Award (aka: a Certificate of Accomplishment), turn in a reading log by the <u>first day of school</u>. Luckily, there's a built-in log right in this guide! Happy Reading! Mrs. England-Burnside, May 2023



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

Era Jock Keate AWARD **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 Awarrd Mary Had a Little Plan by Tammi Sauer

Student Picks...

by kids for kids!

THIS YEAR'S 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS SHARED SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FOR NEXT YEAR'S 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS!

THIS YEAR'S 5TH GRADERS RECOMMEND THESE FOR NEXT YEAR'S 5TH GRADE! Isaac A. says: The Lion of Mars by Jennifer Holm, and Winterkill by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch Lily B. says: A Wolf Called Wander by Roseanne Parry Harper B. says: Pumpkin's Story by Aubre Andrus Fiona C. says: Wonder, by R. J. Palacio, and A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus Greyson G. says: A Wolf Called Wander by Roseanne Parry, and Finding Zasha by Randi Barrow Grace G. says: Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch Kinley L. says: Ivy by Bruce Coville, and A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus Chloe L. says: the "Whatever After" series by Sarah Mlynowski Sylvia R. says: The War Below by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, and The Stolen Girl by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch Harper S. says: Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher, and Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling Lukas Z. says: Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

THIS YEAR'S 4[™] GRADERS RECOMMEND THESE FOR NEXT YEAR'S 4[™] GRADE!
Adam J. says: The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
Mila P. says: What Was the Plague by Roberta Edwards
Evelyn R. says: Rosie Revere and the Raucous Engineers by Andrea Beaty, and The BFG by Roald Dahl
Wyatt R. says: The Christmas Pig by J. K. Rowling and the "Warriors" series by Erin Hunter
Cohen R. says: The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
Camila S. says: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Stella S. says: The Lonely Ghost by Mike Ford, and White Bird by R. J. Palacio

James S. says: Holes by Louis Sachar

Emily T. says: Matilda by Roald Dahl

Flynn W. says: Dumb and Dumber: Irrational Treasure by Steve Foxe Leilah W. says: The Lion of Mars by Jennifer Holm

THIS YEAR'S 3RD GRADERS RECOMMEND THESE FOR NEXT YEAR'S 3RD GRADE! Edison B. says: The Call of the Wild by Jack London, and The Black Stallion by Walter Farley Ava B. says: the "Mercy Watson" series by Kate DiCamillo **Zoe B.** says: Black Beauty by Anna Sewell Calvin B. says: How Chipmunk Got His Stripes by Joseph Bruchac, and, The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn Karsten C. says: We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins Albert F. says: Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl Ogden G. says: the "Dragon Masters" series by Tracey West, and The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary Grant G. says: the "Dragon Masters" series by Tracey West Genevieve G. says: Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary, and The Floating Circus by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer Jack H. says: the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series by Jeff Kinney **Sema I.** says: the "lvy + Bean" series by Annie Barrows Jovie L. says: the "Heidi Heckelbeck" series by Wanda Coven, and The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett Lindley M. says: the "Owl Diaries" series by Rebecca Elliott **Deacon M.** says: The Lion of Mars by Jennifer Holm, and City Spies by James Ponti **Winston M.** says: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever by Jeff Kinney **Presley P.** says: *Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega, and The Year of the Fortune Cookie from the "Anna Wang" series by Andrea Cheng Avery P. says: No David by David Shannon, and the "Babysitters' Little Sister" series by Ann M. Martin Thalia S.: says: the "Katie Kazoo Switcheroo" series by Nancy Krulik Izzy T.: says: the "My Weird School" series by Dan Gutman, and the "Geronimo Stilton" series by Geronimo Stilton Saylor T. says: The Lion of Mars by Jennifer Holm Ethan W. says: the "Who Would Win" series by Jerry Pallotta, and The Lion of Mars by Jennifer Holm

Fantastic Fiction!

 KEY TO GENRE SYMBOLS:

 Image: Image

Dear reader, just read, even if it's not from these pages...always read









Kwame Alexander & James Patterson

Becoming Muhammad Ali 🚲 🕰

From two powerhouse authors comes a novel with a punch—right to the feels. This fictionalized biography of the boy Cassius Clay from Kentucky tells of how, with discipline, determination, and hard work, he transformed into the one and only Muhammad Ali—Olympian and heavyweight champion of the world.

Odder 🖌

Sea otters are playful, inquisitive creatures. Odder has always been a bit more daring than others but when her inquisitive nature brings her face to face with a great white shark, it's up to a rescue group to save her after she washes up on the beach.

The Book That No One Wanted to Read 😊

A funny and very "meta" take on things from a book's point of view...in fact, from a book that claims to have written *itself* (say wha?). Sure, there are books with amazing covers and witty titles that just recommend themselves right into kids' hands. But what about the one with a boring cover? Read & find out!

The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity 🏟 😊 *

Ready to crack the case? The question is are you ready to read all four books in the series because once you start, you'll want to read all four about the intrepid Steve, his pal Dana, and the crazy adventures they find themselves in.

Katherine Applegate

Richard Ayoade

Mac Barnett

The Ogress and the Orphans 🕸

Stone-in-the-Glen, once known for its peaceful beauty and happy villagers, has fallen on hard times. When a child vanishes from the town orphanage, the mayor blames the ogress in charge, but all the orphans know it's impossible—how will they get the village to see the actual truth? A fairy tale adventure!

A Dragon Used to Live Here 😳 🛛 🛝

Emily and Thomas don't know what to make of Meg, the grumpy head of their castle's scriptorium. She starts telling tales of dragons and fairies and crocodiles and...their mother!?! Can anything she says be true?!? The children decide they have to find out so set out on a series of quests you'll want to follow!



In the 9th of the favorite series, Clarice is followed by a stray dog who seems to have adopted her. But with her busy household and strong opinions on everything, what can she do? It's hot. It's summer. A little adventure with a dog seems in order. It's not absolutely necessary to read the others in the series, but you'll want to!

My Teacher is an Alien 😊 🗣 *

This favorite has almost reached "classic" status as it's just such a good read! But wait—could your teacher be an alien? Better check around their ears and necks for telltale signs of a mask! Listen carefully for odd languages and especially any plans for them trying to take over the world!

The Mighty Dynamo 🚜 🙂

Nate has had a disastrous year and the one bright spot—playing soccer—was dimmed when he got kicked off his team for something he didn't do, ending his chance to play in the Schools' World Cup! Nate finds a way back to the Cup with the help of players from St. Mary's School...for *Girls*!

Catherine, Called Birdy 🕰

Travel back in time to England in the year 1290 to meet a lesser lord and his daughter Catherine, who refuses to get married before she is good and ready. Both hilariously funny and deeply moving, this almost-classic was recently made into a movie. For older readers ready for the heavier themes.

Kieran Crowley

Annette Cate

Bruce Coville

Lauren Child

Karen Cushman



Kelly Barnhill

The Ghost Tree 🕷 🖗 *

His new home has Asim all kinds of spooked—what is up with all the ghost stories he keeps hearing? He enlists his new friends to investigate whether its real supernatural goings on, or just folktales. First of a new series!

The 21 Balloons 🗃 💩 🕰

The classic adventure of William Waterman Sherman, who in 1883 decided to get away from it all by flying in a balloon far, far away. He ends up in Indonesia and miraculously survives the eruption of Krakatoa! Yes, it's true!!!

The Graveyard Book 🕷 🖏

A recent Newbery medal winner truly worthy of the award. Yes, it's spooky, but no, do not let that stop you from reading and loving this amazing take on families, facing your fears, and moving forward in life.

Once Upon a Tim 🕰 🙂 *

Tim always figured he'd be a woodsman like his dad (opportunities to move up in society didn't really exist back in his day) but he always wanted to be a knight! When Princess Grace in the neighboring kingdom goes missing, Tim wonders if this is his chance to shine. The first of four new books of Tim's quest.

Allies 💩 🕰

A novel of high, historic adventure, based on the real-life events of June 6th, 1944— "D Day." There are some days that hugely and permanently change the direction of human existence...this was one of those days. Fast paced with engaging characters.

Misty of Chincoteague 🔏 🖼 🚲 *

An absolute, must, must, MUST, MUST read for anyone interested in horses and horseriding. Based on the actual annual "Pony Penning Day" that still goes on in Virginia, Henry imagines a beautiful story of horse/human friendship that will live with you for years to come. And there's a whole series to follow!

A youthful Agatha Christie—real-life master of the whodunit—solves an actual mystery, at least as Jocelyn imagines it. Agatha, or "Aggie", and her friend Hector Perot, discover a body at the Mermaid Dance Room. Can they find the real culprit before Aggie's beloved dance instructor is falsely accused?

Stuart Gibbs

William Pene DuBois

GGIE MORTON

Marguerite Henry

Marthe Jocelyn









Natasha Deen

Neil Gaiman



Alan Gratz





Surely Surely Marisol Rainey 🚲 🙂 *

Marisol and her best friend Jada do not love gym class and they do not love kickball even more. Unluckily, that is what they'll be doing in gym for the next three weeks. Luckily, Marisol's big brother is an ace at soccer and helps them, but will it be enough?

Book Uncle and Me

Yasmin loves reading, thanks partly to "Book Uncle", the kindly gentleman who has set up a free lending library stall on her street corner. When the town mayor threatens to shut the stall down, Yasmin feels she must do something to help, though she's just a kid. A fast-paced story of knowing your own power.

Haven 🔏 🎰

Haven was rescued as a kitten by the kind and loving Ma Millie. After a terrible storm downs power lines, Haven realizes Ma needs help. Problem: how can a cat go out and get help for a human? Solution: read this book and find out!















Lois Lowry

Alexander McCall Smith

A tale based on an actual finding in 1952 in a German peat bog of the body of an Iron Age child. Whose body is it? How did they die? Why are they in the bog? Lowry includes facts from the findings and uses it to imagine what *might* have happened.

The Great Cake Mystery

The Windeby Puzzle 🕰 🖗

McCall Smith takes his beloved character, Precious Ramotswe of the "#1 Ladies Detective Agency" fame back to childhood and imagines how she may have solved her first case—who stole that yummy slice of cake? It's not who you think!

The Hungry Ghost 🕷 🛳

Let's travel to Singapore now, and meet Freja, who has just moved there from Denmark to live with her father and his new wife and kids. Freja has no idea that she's about to get introduced not just to the living but also to a ghost who has some unfinished business and needs Freja's help.

Northwind 🏟 🕰

Orphaned Leif must escape his village in Norway and the deadly plague threatening any who stay. In his cedar canoe and with few supplies, Leif goes north, avoiding whales and bears, seeking shelter and foraging for food.

H. S. Norup

Gary Paulsen

Uma Krishaswami

Megan Wagner Lloyd

Erin Entrada Kelly

Hoboken Chicken Emergency 😳 🛡 🖾

A classic by a genius of goofball humor. Read how one Thanksgiving starts normal and ends up with a 266-pound chicken—how hungry are you? Truly a way to brighten your day if you're looking for a good laugh!

It's the End of the World and I'm In My Bathing Suit 😊 🛡

Summer's almost over and while most of the block has fun at Lake Erie, Eddie has to stay home and wash the mountain of laundry he's ignored for two months. But when the power goes out and the grown-ups don't return, Eddie and his pals know something big is up—are they the last ones on Earth?!?!

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh \odot

Billy knows what he wants to be when he grows up—a stand-up comedian! He has wit and good timing but he also has something else that might keep him from his dreams: a stutter. Can Billy overcome it to let his humor shine?

Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians 🏟 🎝 😳 *

The first of a wacky, adventurous and zanily fun series by a master of world-building. Foster kid Alcatraz Smedry has just turned 13 and also learned that his biological family are caught up in a plot to overthrow the "evil librarians" who rule the world by controlling information. But librarians are good...?

Three Strike Summer 🕰 🚲

Gloria's family is forced to leave their farm in Oklahoma's panhandle during the Dust Bowl, finding refuge on a peach farm in California. There she discovers other kids who love baseball like her, but will they let her play unlike the boys back home? Gloria finds strength and *not* just in her pitching arm.

æ ⊙ * The Boy Who Failed Dodgeball

Children's author Sonnenblick brings us an autobiographical story about his own middle school life—his worst (and the best) grade: 6th grade. He goes from hilariously fumbling at dodgeball to losing, and making friends.

Brandon Sanderson

Skyler Schrempp

Jordan Sonnenblick





Helen Rutter

Daniel Pinkwater

Justin Reynolds

Looking for True

Gladys and Jude couldn't be more different, but when they both discover that a dog new to the neighborhood is being mistreated by its owner, they realize their shared concern for the dog is all they need to work together to save it. Will they be able to get it to safety?

The Mysterious Benedict Society 📾 🖗 *

A chonk of a book if you're in the mood for puzzles, mysteries, adventures, wacky schools run by some fairly interesting grown-ups, and more! Great to sink your teeth into on a long trip, plus, there's a slew of sequels!

The 13 Clocks 🗃 🕷

A moody take on a fairy tale in which a coldly wicked Duke keeps his beautifully warm niece's suitors from ever having a chance to win her hand. Until one day a mysterious man appears and turns them both on their heads! A gem of a story by an American treasure—short but powerful.

Flor and Miranda Steal the Show

Flor and her family have been a part of a traveling carnival for ages, running a once-popular petting zoo that might get replaced by newcomer Miranda and her family band. Flor wants to sabotage the band's performance, but finds an unusual ally. A story of friendship and family, told in a single day!

Creepy Cafetorium: Six Spooky, Slimy, Silly Short Stories 🗍 🕷 😊 * collected and edited by Colleen AF Venable

The first of a new series featuring wacky, silly school stories. Great for when you want to read, but just not a long book!

Detectives in Togas 📓 🎙 🕰 *

First published in German in 1956, this classic stands the test of time in more ways than one. It takes the actual finding from an archaeological dig in Rome and imagines the story behind who wrote "Caius asinus est", or "Caius is a dumbbell" on a school tablet. A romping good story and mystery, too.

Henry Winterfeld

Tricia Springstubb

James Thurber

Trenton Lee Stewart

Jennifer Torres





Graphic Novels



Two-Headed Chicken

So in case you were wondering what the creator of the "Origami Yoda" series has been up to...here ya go! Yes, a meta, multiverse, logic-bending stream of silliness that you must read! And yes, it is a series. You're welcome.

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza

Oh no! Giant space rats are eating Earth's moon ('cause it's made of cheese, duh)!!! Who else to save it but a cat!!! Super silly and the first of a new series.

White Bird

The Tryout

From the author of Wonder comes a connected story about courage and kind-ness during a dark time in history. Read it before the movie debut in August!

Miles Morales Stranger Tides

With the new Miles Morales Spiderman movie coming out, it's a good time to read the further adventures of Brooklyn's own superhero!

A First Time for Everything

Caldecott winner Santat tells the true story of his own middle school experi-ence of going on a trip to Europe which changed the course of his life!

Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!

by Laurel Snyder, illus. by Dan Santat

Mac Barnett, illus. by Shawn Harris

Jason Reynolds, illus. by Pablo Leon

So not exactly a graphic novel, but way too long to call a simple "picture book,"but this will entertain you for hours and hours, telling and retelling tales!

Christina Soontornvat, illus. by Joanna Cacao

Christina and her best friend Megan decide to try out for the school's cheer squad, which is trickier than it sounds. Can they both make it and stay friends?

Action Presidents! #1 George Washington by Fred Van Lente, illus. by Ryan Dunlavey

Learn where it all started—with the hero of the American Revolution and our first president! This series is a favorite at SMES because it makes history come alive!

R. J. Palacio

Tom Angleberger

Dan Santat

Nifty Nonfiction with biographies & poetry



Camp Out!











Lynn Brunelle

An all-time, always on this list classic is this must-have for anyone thinking of even camping out in the back yard! Time for some fresh air and fun!

The Universe in You

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!

Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots

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!

Saint Spotting, or, How to Read a Church

A little boy (the author as a child, perhaps?) and his mother go through a church, where the boy shares all he has learned about the geography of a church and many common saint images. Super sweet and very handy.

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

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!

Classified: the Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross

Learn about Ross, member of the Cherokee nation, who from small beginnings in OK came to be the first female engineer and the first Native American one at Lockheed Martin, working on their top secret projects.

Out of This World

Walker's earlier Earth Verse used haiku to explore things within our Earth's atmosphere, but now we blast off to explore beyond! Amazing illustrations!

All the Small Poems and Fourteen More

If you're feeling like you're ready for something short, sweet, and good to read, this may be what you need. Classics from a brilliant poet.

Valerie Worth

Sharon Lovejoy

Jason Chin

Christopher Raschka

Lisa Robinson

Tracy Sorrell

Sally Walker



Up to this page, everything in this guide has been a suggestion that we think you'll really like. These books are not just suggestions, but for each grade, one of them is <u>required</u> to be fully and completely read before the first day of school in August. Fortunately, they're all great and you'll be glad you did, especially after having great talks with your classmates and new teacher. Don't let it be scary—start soon and make sure it's read <u>by the first day of school</u>!

****FOR ALL BOOKS:** the covers may vary, but the inside is the same.



Third Graders Will Read

Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary

Fourth Graders Will Read

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume





Fifth Graders Will Read:

The 100 Year-Old Secret by Tracy Barrett

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!

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My Reading Log, Continued

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