



**SUMMER READING GUIDE
FOR ST. MARY'S RISING
AND GRADUATING 5TH GRADERS**

Includes Great Reading Suggestions
to Keep You Reading All Summer Long
and Required Reading for Rising 5th Grade



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WELCOME TO A WORLD OF READING!

In a few nutshells...

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- reading is fun!
- reading is good for you
- reading is very good for you
- reading is very, **very** good for you
- St. Mary's wants students to *keep reading all summer*

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 just read whenever, wherever, and whatever you can
- new 5th graders at St. Mary's need to read the *required* book discussed on page 11 as well as at least 4 others;
- if you'd like a Certificate of Accomplishment, turn in a reading log by *the first day of school*.

Happy Reading!

--Mrs. England-Burnside, May 2018

AWARD WINNING BOOKS

THESE WERE THE TOP OF THE TOP FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2017!



Randolph Caldecott Award

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell



Theodore Seuss Geisel Award

Charlie and Mouse by Laurel Snyder



John Newbery Award

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly



Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award

Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961 by Larry Dane Brimer



Coretta Scott King Awards

AUTHOR AWARD: *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson

ILLUSTRATOR AWARD: *Out of Wonder*, by Kwame Alexander



Pura Belpre Awards

AUTHOR AWARD: *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar

ILLUSTRATOR AWARD: *La Princesa and the Pea*, by Susan Middleton-Elya



Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards

PICTURE BOOK AWARD: *Freedom Over Me* by Ashley Bryan



Sequoyah Book Award (given by children)

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson



The Irma Black Award (given by children)

7 Ate 9: The Untold Story by Tara Lazar



The Oklahoma Book Award

CHILDREN'S AWARD:

Angie Debo by Patricia Loughlin

STUDENTS' PICKS!

This year's graduating Fifth Graders wanted to leave a literary legacy behind by sharing with the *NEW* Fifth Grade class of 2018-19 some of the favorite books they've read in the last year or two. Some of these are from the St. Mary's Library so you can easily find them, though others may require a bit of hunting down. The students will tell you it's worth the hunt, though. We hope you find them and enjoy them as much as the students who recommended them did!



Jia recommends: *Fish In a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Scarlett recommends: *Mission Titanic* by Jude Watson
"The Sherlock Files" by Tracy Barrett

John recommends: *I am Pusheen the Cat* by Claire Belton
Wedgie & Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors
Wolf Story by William McCleery

Cole recommends: *Weasel* by Cynthia DeFelice

Harrison recommends: *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
Maxi's Secrets by Lynn Plourde
Sidekicks by Dan Santat











Sam recommends: *Addison Cooke and the Tomb of Khan* by Jonathan W. Stokes
Annie's Life in Lists by Kristin Mahoney
"The Elementia Chronicles" Sean Fay Wolfe
Saving Marty by Paul Griffin



FABULOUS FICTION!

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

KEY TO GENRE SYMBOLS:

 = a Classic  = Science Fiction  = Fantasy  = Funny!
 = Mystery/Detective Story * = part of a series  = Animal Fiction  = Spooky
 = Sports  = Adventure  = Historical Fiction

*  *The Rebound*

Kwame Alexander

The prequel to Alexander's 2015 Newbery winning *The Crossover* (a major fave of 5th grader Harrison's), in which we get to know Charlie, the father of Jordan and Josh from *The Crossover*. Read how Charlie became the renaissance man that Jordan and Josh adore so much.

Wishtree

Katherine Applegate

Everyone knows that trees don't talk—or do they? Red, short for north-ern red oak, is chattier than most trees and notices a worrying situation in the neighborhood. How can Red and his friend Bongo the crow, do something to help? A story of unity and understanding—a must-read.

* *A Boy Called Bat*

Elana K. Arnold

Bixby, aka: "Bat", is a different sort of kid with a unique view of things. One night, his veterinarian mom comes home with a surprise: she has rescued a baby skunk that Bat gets to help care for! But will he get to keep it? Read and find out! The second title just came out!

*   *Rise of the Jumbies*

Tracey Baptiste

If you loved the first book, *The Jumbies* as much as 5th grader John G. did, you will want to get your hands on this book asap! Read *The Jumbies* first, as it sets up the mysteriously creepy and interesting world for readers, but then jump on this sequel...just don't read it in the dark.

*    *The House With a Clock In Its Walls*


John Bellairs

This book has visited my summer reading guides for years and it looks like someone was paying attention because this chilling book of orphans, witches, and possibly the end of the world is being made into a major motion picture this fall! Read it over the summer to be ready!

**Fashion Academy*

Sheryl Berk

The first of a new series about students at FAB (aka: the Fashion Academy of Brooklyn) Middle School. Meet MacKenzie who is brand new. She's a star student, but the students want nothing to do with her goth style. Will she lose herself to fit in, or be true to who she is?

 *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart*

Stephanie Burgis

Have you ever wished you were a dragon? Have you ever wished you could do something magical, like turn one animal into another? Then read this book and satisfy both wishes! Meet Aventurine, the dragon who is about to have the adventure of her life!

  *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Prez lives with his grandpa, or did until grandpa's dementia made it impossible for him to take care of anything, especially Prez. At his new foster family's country home, Prez meets "Sputnik," a dog who isn't just a dog, but a hopeful hero whose mission is to save Earth!

   *The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet*

Eleanor Cameron

This book has been in print for over 60 years because it's just such a fun ride. Follow two brothers, Chuck and David, as they make their own rocket ship which will take them to Basidium, otherwise known as, the "Mushroom Planet", to help the lifeforms living there.

The Losers Club

Andrew Clements

6th grader Alec is told by his teachers that he *must* participate in an after school club, though they all seem awful. So, he creates his own—"The Losers Club." A great introduction to all kinds of great literature and the idea that it's okay to stand up for what you believe in.

 *The Mighty Dynamo*

Kieran Crowley

Travel to Ireland and meet Noah, who is super keen on soccer (aka: 'football'). Noah is excited to help his school get in a World Cup-type match for schools but is unjustly kicked off his team, so he looks to "St. Mary's School for Girl's to form a new team. Can they make the match?

*📖😊 *The Moffats*

Eleanor Estes

Oh what a treat this first of the classic series is! Come on and meet the Moffats—all four kids plus their mother who live in a tiny Connecticut village where the kids get into mischief on a near daily basis. You'll laugh out loud and nod in understanding or wish to be a Moffat for a day!

📖👤👦 *Johnny Tremain*

Esther Forbes

It's the dawn of the American Revolution and Johnny is an apprentice silversmith with a rosy future. Misfortune strikes and Johnny finds himself in the care of a doctor who encourages him to join the colonists in their freedom effort. Meet actual historical figures in this classic page turner.

😊 *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*

Karina Yan Glaser

Just before Christmas, the happy Vanerbeeker family receives the news that their landlord wants them out of their Harlem brownstone. The children try to charm their way into the landlord's heart in order to change his mind with mixed results. Featured in many "Best of 2017" lists.

🏆 *Force Out*

Tim Green

Two best friends look forward to joining an elite baseball team, helping each other all along the way, until a day comes when they must compete *against* each other to earn the one remaining spot left. Will their friend-ship be able to stand this test? Written by an NFL pro!

👤 *The Song from Somewhere Else*

A. F. Harrold

Francesca, or, "Frank", is having an *awful* summer break until that big weird kid Nick from school saves her from a bully. While hiding from the bully at Nick's house, Frank hears mysteriously beautiful, other-worldly music which leads to beautiful discoveries, and new friendships.

📖 *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Norton Juster

This classic story will take you on adventures into imaginary lands which will have your brain doing leaps and bounds. This truly encourages readers to be active in their own education and to appreciate the process as it can be fun if you make it so!

*🐉🏔️ *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Grace Lin

Based on centuries of Chinese folklore, meet Minli who just wants to help her poor family. She buys a goldfish that is supposed to bring luck, which she needs on her quest to find the Old Man of the Moon who is supposed to tell the secret to good fortune. Also, she befriends a dragon!

🏠🐉 *Snow Treasure*

Marie McSwigan

It's 1940 and the world is at war. Everyone on the side of the Allies does their part to thwart and defeat evil Hitler, even children. In Norway, children were enlisted to help smuggle a lot of the country's stores of gold into hiding, which they really did. Based on a true story.

☺️ 🏠 *When Mischief Came to Town*

Katrina Nannestad

This was on last year's list, too, but it's just so good it deserves a second run. It's a cross between Pippi Longstocking, Anne of Green Gables, and Oliver Twist. So funny and so touching...you may even read it twice, too.

Flying Lessons and Other Stories

edited by Ellen Oh

Ten short stories by ten award-winning children's authors make for quick and enjoyable reading—a good intro to short stories.

☺️ 🏠 *🏠 *A Long Way from Chicago*

Richard Peck

Oh, what a book—okay, not quite old enough to be a “classic” yet, but it is the *best*. Life throws Joey and Mary Alice lemons when they must leave Chicago to stay with their odd and reclusive, but unforgettable Grandma Dowdel, but she has the recipe for the best life lemonade ever!

🐾🏠 *Pax*

Sara Pennypacker

Another book making a reappearance from last year's list, but also for excellent reasons. Reading this will delight and amaze you and make you truly appreciate those relationships in your life that are true gifts, whether they are with a human or a pet. A glorious page-turner.

☺️ *The First Rule of Punk*

Celia C. Perez

Malu is the spirit of “punk”, an identity that makes her father proud but her mother cringe. When Malu's family moves to Chicago, she has a chance to really try to find her identity and make both parents happy.

☺🏠👤 *Lizard Music*

Daniel Pinkwater

Pinkwater's trademark goofy sense of humor is in full force as he leads us through Victor's comfortable world. When Victor meets an odd man who gets advice from his intelligent chicken, Claudia, he realizes things are about to get weird. A funny and quirky classic!

👤👤 *The Explorer*

Katherine Rundell

Did you ever wonder if you could survive on your own in the wilds of the Brazilian rain forest amidst giant plants, giant insects, and snakes? Then read about four kids stuck there, trying to survive after their plane crashes, before they meet...'The Explorer.'

☺👤👤 *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine*

Mark Twain & Philip C. Stead

While in Paris in 1879, Mark Twain began writing a story for his girls, which sat unfinished until just a few years ago, when Mr. Stead read the notes and his wife, Erin, gave it illustrations. The story itself is fun—Johnny, who can speak to animals, goes on a quest to save a Prince!

* 👤👤 *Addison Cooke and the Tomb of the Khan*

Jonathan W. Stokes

Addison's adventures continue, which is good news for SMES students like 5th grader Sam who loved the first book. If you haven't read it, do so and then sink your teeth into another epic adventure! This time Addison must go to China to rescue his aunt & uncle from a deadly gang!

☺👤👤 *The Real McCoys*

Matthew Swanson

Moxie McCoy is an unforgettable character who will crack you up. She's a bit sad at the moment, though, as her best friend, Maude, has moved away. Moxie's search for a new bestie is put on hold when a majorly huge mystery goes down at school—Moxie can solve it! She's gonna try!

Clayton Bird Goes Underground

Rita Williams-Garcia

Clayton's grandpa, "Cool Papa", used to be a famous musician who played with lots of other famous musicians. Clayton wants to be like him so much, but this irritates his mama so bad, she does something drastic to keep Clayton away from the music. Will it work or will Clayton play on?'



GROOVY GRAPHIC NOVELS!

Graphic Novels have really moved into their own in the last decade, and rightly so. No longer do we think of them as being merely junky “comic books” but we recognize them as multi-sensory literature which requires the reader to infer, or take in visual cues from the text, in order to understand the context of the story which isn’t necessarily all written down in words. Graphic Novels are also often a bridge to more complex literature. Just like any form of literature, they may not all be winners, but here are some great ones, including classics and new series:

Super Series

“Asterix”	Gosciny/Uderzo
“The Baby Sitter’s Club”	Ann M. Martin/Raina Telgemeier
“Tintin”	Hergé
“Babymouse”	Jennifer Holm
“Lunch Lady”	Jarrett Krosoczka
“Future Quest”	Jeff Parker
“5 Worlds”	Mark Siegel
“Binky”	Ashley Spires
“Bone”	Jeff Smith
“Hilo”	Judd Winick

Great Stand-Alone Titles

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Carl Bowen/Jules Verne
An exciting graphic re-imagining of the classic adventure story.

Brave Svetlana Chmakova
Jensen is a middle-schooler who retreats to his daydreams a lot—it’s safer there. See what happens when he has to face reality and be brave!

All’s Faire in Middle School Victoria Jamieson
Imogene had been home schooled, but now starts public middle school! She’s excited, though it can be odd like the Ren Fair her parents work in.

Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure Nadja Spiegelman
A favorite from a couple of years ago makes a reappearance for the sake of all those traveling to big cities this summer.

NONFICTION & BIOGRAPHIES

Try these new and not-so-new fabulous books on “real” topics to keep that natural curiosity going all summer! Read about real places, real people, & real neat stuff!



Camp Out! The Ultimate Kids' Guide from the Backyard to the Back Woods

by Lynn Brunelle

An honest-to-goodness guide for real, actual camping with tips, tricks, instructions, recipes and much more. This book was meant to be *used*.

Babar's Yoga for Elephants

Laurent de Brunhoff

Follow Babar and his clan as they investigate a form of exercise practiced by ancient elephants. It's yoga, of course—yoga made fun!

Grand Canyon

Jason Chin

Through lushly colored illustrations, follow a father and daughter on their journey through one of the natural wonders of the world.

Before She Was Harriet

Lesa Cline-Ransome

We all know of Harriet Tubman's greatest work, but what about her life *before* she was a hero? Read how it all started and meet a legend.

A Time to Act: John F. Kennedy's Big Speech

Shana Corey

Times were tense in 1963, with the Cold War starting, the space race & civil rights. Still, JFK had to inspire. Learn about that famous June speech.

Her Right Foot

Dave Eggers

When Eggers learned that the Lady Liberty's right foot is raised, he imagined her walking. Where would she go? What would she say?

Real Friends

Shannon Hale

This could have been under “Graphic Novels” for its format, but it's actually an autobiography of beloved author Hale's childhood & friends.

This Is How We Do It

Matt Lamothe

If you've ever wondered what school, work, home life, etc. are like in Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, or Russia, this is for you!

The Youngest Marcher

Cynthia Levinson

One is never too young to make a difference, like Audrey did when she was just nine. Would you go to jail for your beliefs? Audrey did!

The Planet Gods: Myths and Facts About the Solar System

Jacqueline Mitton

The 2nd of Mitton's beautiful series on space and how people over the centuries and across the globe have learned its truths while telling tales.

Martí's Song for Freedom

Emma Otheguy

In the 3rd quarter Lunch Bunch, we read of poet José Martí. Read about this amazing poet and revolutionary, an embodiment of art & courage.

How Many Guinea Pigs Can Fit on a Plane?

Laura Overdeck

Overdeck's books always feature in these lists & here is her latest! Keep your brain sharp and whip smart with these fun math puzzles.

How To Be an Elephant

Katherine Roy

For budding naturalists, learn about the movements, habitats, challenges, and future of elephants. Be sure to enjoy the gorgeous illustrations!

Impact! Asteroids and the Science of Saving the World

Elizabeth Rusch

Scientists track and follow the kind of dangerous heavenly bodies that slammed into the Earth's surface 65 million years ago. Fast paced facts!

What's The Big Deal About First Ladies?

Ruby Shamir

Learn curious and interesting facts about many of the women at the sides of the most powerful men on earth! They have power of their own!

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

Steve Sheinkin

The gritty history of Oklahoma's own golden athlete: Jim Thorpe.

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library

Carole Boston Weatherford

If you've ever visited NYC and spent any time in their library system, you'll have heard of the Schomburg Center. Learn how it came to be!

Edible Science: Experiments You Can Eat

Jody Wheeler-Toppen

Satisfy your need to eat while also learning a bit more about the chemistry and physics of food!

PRETTY PERKY POETRY!



Animal Ark: Celebrating Our Wild World in Poetry & Pictures Kwame Alexander
National Geographic does it again, as does Mr. Alexander! He provides the poems and they provide amazing pics! Check this collection out!

Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics Margarita Engle
I bet you thought we were done with José Martí, didn't you? He was inspiring and now, you can read about more famous Hispanics!

Firefly July: a Year of Very Short Poems (selected by Paul O. Janeczko)
Another collection of appealingly short poems, sure to entice you to read just one or two more. Or three. Or four.

I'm Just No Good at Rhyming Chris Harris
Oh boy...for all those who love to use language as a toy, this is for you. Full of jokes, puns and goofiness galore, get ready to laugh!

Cricket in the Thicket: Poems About Bugs Carol Murray
Yep, bugs can be pretty annoying in the summer. Unless you open this book and learn some pretty nifty facts hidden in silly poems!

One Minute till Bedtime: 60 Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep
The poems themselves aren't exactly super-challenging, but rather short, sweet, funny, and neat. They *will* help you build up a poetry habit!

Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold Joyce Sidman
When you're feeling the need for some cool, grab this book and chill on down. Sidman writes about nature in a neat way—try it out!

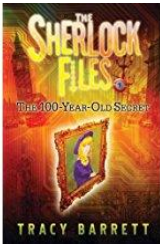
Casey at the Bat Ernest Lawrence Thayer
A story told in ballad form and a classic of summertime. Memorize this to impress your teachers, friends and family.

REQUIRED READING FOR INCOMING FIFTH GRADERS

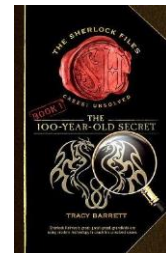
Yes, that means if you are graduating 5th grade and heading to 6th grade in the fall can skip on to more reading fun. Your new school may have required reading of their own that must be completed before you start 6th grade. Be sure to find out and have it ready to go by the first day of school.

For everyone: experts say if you read at least 4-5 books *on your reading level* over the summer, you will be **much** better prepared to begin the new school year ready to learn. The simple act of *reading* can prepare you better for school and for life better than almost anything—more than you can possibly realize at this moment in time. Reading can open doors for you—quite literally. Being well-read can determine how you do on tests, college entrance essays, with your future career and relationships and much more.

Mrs. Roberts has decided on the required summer reading for this year's 4th graders moving onto 5th grade. It is a fun and exciting novel that also will introduce you to a very famous book character. Here is what you need to have finished reading and be ready to discuss by the first day of school: *The 100-Year-Old Secret* by Tracy Barrett. Such a great adventure and mystery, all rolled into one! You probably think Sherlock Holmes is just a made-up character. Well, hold on to your hat, he was real! (at least in this story he was real.) Read about his great-great-great grandchildren and see if they inherited his ability to solve puzzles! Can you match your sarts agaisnt the descendents of *the* Sherlock Holmes?



Two possible covers, same book!
“The Sherlock Files” series was re-
printed with a new cover style, but
the inside is just the same!



REMEMBER: keep a diary or a log of what you've read this summer and if you read *at least* five books, you will get a certificate of achievement at Storm Central in August! Why look to the next page—there's a handy place to record what you've read!

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. If you'll be in Fifth Grade, I've already filled in the top book for you—just make a checkmark when you've finished reading it.

TITLE _____ AUTHOR _____ # of Stars _____

1. *The 100-Year-Old Secret*

Tracy Barrett

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)

6. _____

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!

MY READING LOG, CONTINUED

TITLE _____ AUTHOR _____ # of Stars _____

7. _____
My favorite character: _____
My favorite part of the story: _____

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

8. _____
My favorite character: _____
My favorite part of the story: _____

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

9. _____
My favorite character: _____
My favorite part of the story: _____

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

10. _____
My favorite character: _____
My favorite part of the story: _____

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

11. _____
My favorite character: _____
My favorite part of the story: _____

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

12. _____
My favorite character: _____
My favorite part of the story: _____

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

DON'T STOP HERE!!!! KEEP GOING!
AND GOING! AND GOING!!!!!!!!!!!!