

THE SAINT AUSTIN SCHOOL



2021-2022 SUMMER READING LIST

Students entering first and second grades are encouraged to read as many books as they like from the suggested list below. Students entering grades three through eight are required to read one book from the list.

Students entering 1st grade:

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

Clifford The Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell

Franklin in the Dark by Paulette Bourgeois

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Pete the Cat Series by James Dean

Dr. Seuss Series

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone

Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant

Any of the titles from the “*My First Little House Books*” Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Students entering 2nd grade:

Frog and Toad Series by Arnold Lobel

Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle Series by Betty MacDonald

Magic School Bus chapter books

Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Fables by Aesop

Cam Jansen Mysteries by David Adler

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Students entering 3rd grade must read one of the following:

Mary Poppins, by P.L. Travers

The Borrowers, by Mary Norton

Winnie the Pooh, by A.A. Milne

The Cricket in Times Square, by George Selden

Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott

Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Peter Pan, by J.M. Barrie

Students entering 4th grade must read one of the following:

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

The Story of My Life by Helen Keller

Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi

Students entering 5th grade must read one of the following:

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Black Cauldron by Lloyd Alexander

Prince Caspian by C. S. Lewis

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Students entering 6th grade must read one of the following:

Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi

Redwall by Brian Jacques

Students entering 7th grade must read one of the following:

Shane by Jack Schaefer

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery

Students entering 8th grade must read one of the following:

They Loved to Laugh by Kathryn Worth

The Ox Bow Incident by Walter Van Tilburg Clark

The Giver by Lois Lowry

My Antonia by Willa Cather

Students in grades 5-8 are also encouraged to read books from the Vision Books Series of Saints.