

# THE SAINT AUSTIN SCHOOL



## 2024-2025 SUMMER READING LIST

### GRADE 1

**Students in grade 1 are encouraged to read as many books as they like from the list below.**

*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

### GRADE 2

**Students in grade 2 are encouraged to read as many books as they like from the list below.**

*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

### GRADE 3

**Students in grade 3 must read one of the following books.**

*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

### GRADE 4

**Students in grade 4 must read one of the following books.**

*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

### GRADE 5

**Students in grade 5 must read one of the following books.**

*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss

*Five Little Peppers and How They Grew* by Margaret Sydney

*Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes  
*Prairie School* by Lois Lenski  
*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Horse and His Boy* by C.S. Lewis  
*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*Jo's Boys* by Louisa May Alcott

#### GRADE 6

**Students in grade 6 must read one of the following books.**

*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

#### GRADE 7

**Students in grade 7 must read two books and will be required to write a report.**

*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  
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle  
Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne  
The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

#### GRADE 8

**Students in grade 8 must read two books and will be required to write a report.**

*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  
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien  
On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by Andrew Peterson  
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

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