

# THE SAINT AUSTIN SCHOOL



## 2025-2026 SUMMER READING LIST

Our St. Austin Library is home to at least one copy of each of these titles. Please stop by during our **Monday Summer Library Hours: June 16-August 11 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

### FORM I

**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

*The Pete the Cat Series* by James Dean

*Dr. Seuss Series*

*Henry and Mudge Series* by Cynthia Rylant

Any of the titles from the *My First Little House Books* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Any of the titles from the *Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parish

Any of the titles from the *Berenstain Bears* series by Jan and Stan Berenstain

### FORM II

**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

### FORM III

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

*Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers

*The Borrowers* by Mary Norton

*Mr. Poppers Penguins* by Richard & Florence Atwater

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

*Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Rabbit Hill* by Robert Lawson

### FORM IV

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

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

*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannet

*Minn on the Mississippi* by Holling C. Holling

*Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan

*The Trumpet of the Swan, Stuart Little* by E.B. White

*Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry

*The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams

#### FORM V

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

*The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss  
*Five Little Peppers and How They Grew* by Margaret Sydney  
*Prairie School* by Lois Lenski  
*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller

#### FORM VI

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

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
*Redwall* by Brian Jacques  
*Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott  
*The Illiad and the Odyssey for Boys and Girls* by Alfred Church

#### FORM VII

**Students in grade 7 must read one book and will be required to write a brief assignment about the main character. All are encouraged to read at least one additional book for enjoyment!**

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart  
*Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary Blackwood  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
*Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie  
*Emily of New Moon* by L. M. Montgomery

#### FORM VIII

**Students in grade 7 must read one book and will be required to write a brief assignment about the main character. All are encouraged to read at least one additional book for enjoyment!**

*The Winged Watchman* by Hilda van Stockum  
*Watership Down* by Richard Adams  
*The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen  
*On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* by Andrew Peterson  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane  
*Agnes Gray* by Anne Bronte  
*Rilla of Ingleside* by L. M. Montgomery

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

