



# Lourdes Academy

## SUMMER READING LIST

### 2020 – 2021

In Grades VPK – 4, we recommend 20 minutes of reading (or listening to reading) daily. This list includes suggestions and recommendations by classroom teachers, but is not required reading.

Grades 5-8 summer reading is required and includes an assignment due when school resumes.

#### VPK:

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen  
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Rose Bonne and Simms Taback  
10 Little Caterpillars by Bill Martin Jr.

#### Kindergarten:

*Biscuit* series by Alyssa Capucilli  
*Clifford the Big Red Dog* series by Norman Bridwell  
*Spot* series by Eric Hill  
Mother Goose  
26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban  
Animal Action ABC by Nancy Sheehan  
Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

*Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel  
*Cat in the Hat* series by Dr. Seuss  
*Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parish

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown  
National Geographic Kids Readers (nonfiction series available on many topics)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

*Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne  
National Geographic Kids Readers (nonfiction series available on many topics)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume  
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Read two out of five books before school begins. Students will take a test on their book choices the first week on school and it will count as their first Language Arts grade.**

(Jr. Classics for Young Children)

<u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u>	4.8	Roald Dahl
<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u>	4.7	Madeleine L'Engle
<u>Treasure Island</u>	4.7	Robert Louis Stevenson
<u>Charlotte's Web</u>		E.B. White
<u>Because of Winn-Dixie</u>		Kate DiCamillo

## Middle School Summer Reading:

### 6th Grade:

Choose one of the following books. You will choose one of the project options and turn in the first week of school.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo (copies available from Mrs. Wilson)

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (copies available from Mrs. Wilson)

### 7th and 8th Grade:

Choose an appropriate book within your reading level and then choose a project from the options below to be graded the first week of school. You may borrow a book from my classroom, the local library, an ebook from the library, or your own book copy. Please email me the title so I can approve the book.

#### Project options:

**Travel Brochure:** If your book involves travel from one setting to another, create a travel brochure depicting the places the main character(s) went.

**PowerPoint:** Design and build a PowerPoint about your book; include a summary (don't give the ending away!), introductions to main characters, and other information and graphics/images to "sell" your book (e.g., convince others to read it).

**Make a newspaper** about your book; include feature stories for the front page (with headlines), opinion articles from the "editor," display advertisements, classified ads, and other categories that are relevant to your story (obituaries, sports articles, entertainment calendars, etc.). Must include at least 4 articles, 2 ads

**Write a comparison/contrast essay** comparing your novel to either a movie version of the novel or another book by the same author. Must be at least a page and no more than 12 font. You may double space.

**Design a children's book** telling a child's version of your novel. Not all novels will work for this project (consider whether the theme of the novel is one small children would understand). Books should have illustrations and a cover, too.

**Create a monthly wall calendar** with a series of memorable scenes. Each month should have an illustration/picture and a caption, in addition to the dates and days/etc. (Do all 12 months.)

**Vocabulary Dictionary:** create a "dictionary" for your book. Include words, illustrations, and definitions that are needed to better understand your book. You must include a **minimum** of 20 words. **YOU NEED TO BE CREATIVE!**