

# St. Theresa School

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## Summer Reading Program

June 2017

To: All Parents/Guardians of 2017-2018 St. Theresa School Students

Please find attached, information regarding St. Theresa School's *Summer Reading Program*. We are quite pleased to announce that we have recently updated the school wide program and suggested reading lists.

Our main goal in updating our *Summer Reading Program* was to include books that are interesting to our students. In so doing, we are hoping to maintain a program where our students are reading throughout the summer, more for the enjoyment of it and less for the assignment of it.

All St. Theresa School students are required to read *three* books during the summer months. If possible, at least one of these books should be non-fiction. Attached is a short recommended book list. However, any book approved by you will be accepted. In addition to reading, students will be required to complete a written activity for *one* of the three books. Students can complete one of the attached activities or create his or her own. All students who complete this assignment and return the Summer Reading Log Sheet signed by you will receive two extra credit points on their first quarter final reading grade. Students who do not complete the assignment will have two points deducted from their first trimester final reading grade.

In closing, I would like to thank you, the parents and guardians, for your continued support of our Summer Reading Program. When home and school work together, it is our students who benefit the most. It is our goal that the students retain their learning over the summer, so that they return for the new school year prepared and ready to learn more!

May you be blessed with a wonderful Summer,

Mrs. Colleen Weiss  
Principal

## Summer Reading Log Sheet

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade student will be entering in August 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title and Author Name	Parent Signature

**Please hand in this Log Sheet to your Reading Teacher on the second day of school. You will need to hand in your written activity sheet along with this reading log. You will receive 2 points on your 1<sup>st</sup> marking period Reading grade.**

## Summer Reading List Grade 3

Title	Author	Description	Fiction/Non-Fiction	Level
Cam Jansen	D. Alder	Mystery Series	Fiction	Easy
Freckle Juice	J. Blume	A boy, Andrew, badly desires freckles and is envious of Nicky, who has freckles	Fiction	Average
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	B. Cleary	Ralph, a mouse who lives in a hotel with his family, meets a boy named Keith.	Fiction	Challenging
Ramona (series)	B. Cleary	Series centers on Ramona Quimby, her family and friends.	Fiction	Average
Frog & Toad (series)	A. Lobel	The adventures of best friends, Frog & Toad.	Fiction	Easy
Junie B. Jones (series)	B. Park	Junie's adventures in Kindergarten and first grade.	Fiction	Easy
Bunnicula	J. & D. Howe	Told from the viewpoint of a dog named Harold. It all starts when his human family adopts a rabbit.	Fiction	Average
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	The story of a friendship between a farmyard pig Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte.	Fiction	Challenging
Amelia Bedelia	P. Parish	A wealthy couple hires, Amelia, a maid to do household chores while they leave for the day.	Fiction	Easy
Nate the Great (series)	M. Sharmat	Wherever mystery lurks...Nate the Great will take the case!	Fiction	Average
Magic Treehouse (series)	M. P. Osborn	Fantasy series (some based on historical events)	Fiction	Average
Geronimo Stilton (series)	G. Stilton	Fantasy series.	Fiction	Average
My Weird School (series)	D. Gutman	Read about A.J.'s view of school and the world through this comical series.	Fiction	Average
Go Free or Die, A Story of Harriet Tubman	J. Ferris	A biography about Harriet Tubman	Non-Fiction	Average
Gooney Bird Greene	L. Lowry	Gooney Bird retells her very ordinary life in extraordinary ways.	Fiction	Average
Frindle	A. Clements	Nick really knows how to waste time., especially the time of his 5 <sup>th</sup> grade English teacher.	Fiction	Average
Bud, Not Buddy	C. P. Curtus	The story of an orphaned African American living in Flint Michigan, during the Great Depression.	Fiction	Challenging
Because of Winn Dixie	K. DiCamillio	A 10-year-old, abandoned by her mother, moves to a small town in Florida with her father, a preacher, where she adopts a stray dog she calls Winn Dixie..	Fiction	Challenging
Don't You Know There's a War On?	Avi	Provides an amusing look at the life of 11 year old Howie Crispers of Booklyn, NY during WWII.	Fiction	Challenging
The War with Grandpa	R. K. Smith	Peter is thrilled that Grandpa Jack is coming to life with his family. Until, Grandpa moves right into Peter's room!	Fiction	Challenging
Reaching for the Moon	B. Aldrin	Autobiography about the 2 <sup>nd</sup> man to walk on the moon.	Non-fiction	Average
George Did It!	S. Jurmain	The story of how George Washington came to be the first president of the United States.	Non-fiction	Easy
"Who Was..." (series)	Various authors	Various biographies	Non-fiction	Average

## Summer Reading List Grade 4

Title	Author	Description	Fiction/Non-Fiction	Level
Chocolate Touch	R. Smith	John Learns lessons on greediness and selfishness when a piece of chocolate turns magical.	Fiction	Average
Double Fudge	J. Blume	His Brother's obsession with money and the discovery of his cousin's Flora and Fauna provide for embarrassing moments for twelve year-old Peter.	Fiction	Average
Fantastic Mr. Fox	R. Dahl	A Cleaver fox outsmarts three mean farmers.	Fiction	Easy
Henry and the Clubhouse	B. Cleary	Henry Huggins and his friends have some problems when they decide to build a clubhouse—"NO Girls Allowed."	Fiction	Average
Horses	S. Simon	Interesting information about horses.	Non-Fiction	Average
James and the Giant Peach	R. Dahl	An orphan with terrible aunts for guardians, befriends human-like bugs who live inside a giant peach.	Fiction	Challenging
The Cricket in Times Square	G. Selden	The adventures of a country cricket named Chester who finds himself in Times Square Subway Station.	Fiction	Challenging
Marvelous Mattie	E. McCully	How Margaret E. Knight became an inventor.	Non-Fiction	Average
Matt Christopher (series)	M. Christopher	Sports stories and sports biographies.	Fiction and Non-Fiction	Average-Challenging
Frindle	Clements	Nick Allen likes to liven up things in Fifth grade. He learns some things about how words are created and what happens next, no one ever expected.	Fiction	Easy
Room One	Clements	Ned Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.	Fiction	Average
Shiloh (series)	P. Naylor	A young boy's adventures in West Virginia.	Fiction	Challenging
Snowshoe Thompson	N. Levinson	A boy earns his nickname by creating a path upon which the mail and people travel.	Fiction	Easy
Thomas Edison-Young Inventor	Guthridge	Biography	Non-Fiction	Average
Young Ben Franklin	L. Santrey	Biography	Non-Fiction	Easy
The War With Grandpa	R. Kimmel Smith	Peter is thrilled that Grandpa is come to live with his family. That is until Grandpa moves right into Peter's room, forcing him upstairs.	Fiction	Challenging

## Summer Reading List Grade 5

Title	Author	Description	Fiction/Non-Fiction	Level
Rapunzel's Revenge	Shannon & Dale Hale	This story is set in the wild west. Rapunzel searches for her mother with her sidekick, Jack.	Fiction	Easy
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	Ivan is kept in a cage in a run-down mall for 27 years without seeing another gorilla. A stray dog, Bob, is his only friend.	Fiction	Easy
The Sister's Club	Megan McDonald	Twelve-year-old Alex, aspiring actress and bon drama queen; eight-year-old Joey, homework lover and pioneer wannabe; and smack in the middle, ten-year-old Stevie, the glue that hold them together are the Sister's Club.	Fiction	Easy
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeline L'Engle	Meg and her brother, Charles Wallace, and friend, Calvin, set off to find her scientist father who disappeared.	Fiction	Average
Everyday Angel	Victoria Schwab	An angel named Aria is earning her wings by helping girls who are struggling in some way. Aria helps Gabby at her new school to discover who she is.	Fiction	Average
The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E. L. Konigsburg	Two siblings run away from home and live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC where they discover a mystery.	Fiction	Average
Awkward	Svetlana Chmakova	Peppi struggles with confidence and speaking up.	Fiction	Average
The War that Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Ada and her brother escape their mother's abuse when the London children are evacuated during WWII and go to live with a grieving woman in a small country town.	Historical Fiction	Average
Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink	Tod Olson	A riveting retelling of a soldiers' plane crash, then weeks of thirst and starvation in the perilous south seas on precarious life boats.	Non-Fiction	Above Average
Midnight Without a Moon	Linda Williams Jackson	Rose Lee Carter is raised by her grandma and father, works in the cotton fields, and is best friends with a preacher's son. She dreams of leaving Mississippi for the North.	Fiction	Above Average
Escape from Mr. Lemonchello's Library	Chris Grabenstein	Kyle and several of his classmates win a sleep over at the town's newly created library by game-creator Mr. Lemonchello.	Fiction	Above Average
Sitting Bull	Roop	Story of Sitting Bull	Non-Fiction	Average
Storms	S. Simon	Presents information on storms – hurricanes, thunderstorms, etc.	Non-Fiction	Easy
Masterminds	Gordon Korman	Eli and friends discover that some of them are physically prevented from leaving town – with violent pain and some sort of signal that brings the guards to take them back.	Fiction	Above Average
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	Karana and her brother, Ramo, are accidently stranded on their island.	Fiction	Challenging
Number the Stars	Lois Levy	Annemarie's best friend hides her Jewish family. Tension is high as the Nazis are everywhere looking for Jews or Jewish sympathizers.	Fiction	Average

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

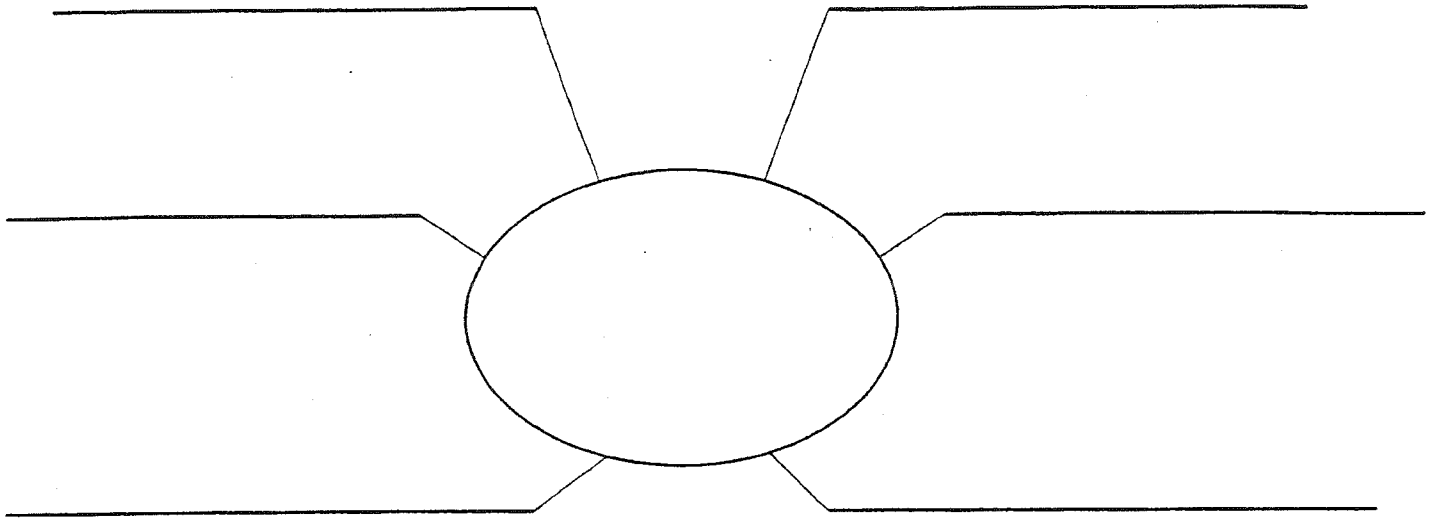
Summer Reading Program

Non-Fiction Activities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### What did you learn?

Use the web to write facts you learned about your topic. In the circle, write your topic. On the lines, write in complete sentences what you learned!



What was the **most interesting** thing you learned about the topic?

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Did you think the book did a good job of teaching you about the topic? Fill in the stars:



The book did a good job.



The book did an okay job.



The book did a bad job.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## Autobiography or Biography Book Report

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Biography or Autobiography of \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

What was or is this person famous for?

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What is the most interesting fact about this person?

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What did this person look like?

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If you could spend time with this person what would you like to ask him or her?

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What was this person's greatest struggle?

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What was this person's greatest achievement?

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Write down one quote from this person that interested you. Use quotation marks.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## MY NON-FICTION BOOK REPORT

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator/Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the main topic of this book? \_\_\_\_\_

Write three new facts you learned about this topic from this book.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

List any new vocabulary (words) you learned from this book.

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Write a question that you still have about this topic.

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Rate this book from one to five stars and explain your rating.

**I GIVE THIS BOOK:**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## NON-FICTION BOOK REPORT

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Write 5 facts about your topic that you found interesting.

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Write down and define 5 new vocabulary words from the book.

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