

**St. John the Baptist School**  
**Summer Reading Requirements for students**  
**Entering Grade 2**

“Kindergarten through third grade children **learn to read**. From third grade on **they read to learn**. In second and third grade, reading instruction focuses on accuracy, fluency and comprehension.

Once your child learns to read, don't drop your read-aloud routine at home. The reality is that until at least middle school, reading aloud is important. That's when your child's reading level begins to match his vocabulary level - but too many families have stopped reading aloud by this time.

Enjoy listening to your child read to you every day! Afterwards, your child may like to hear you read. Share books at your child's listening level, which is typically two years higher than his/her reading level. Model what good reading sounds like, and expand your child's vocabulary and knowledge. Enjoy discussing more complicated stories and ideas. You can read about topics your child may not choose to read on his own. Reading with your child shouldn't stop just because your child can read on his own...ideally, reading together will continue to be an enjoyable and valuable part of your relationship.”\* (From The Children’s Reading Foundation, please visit the website to learn more!)

**Recommended Titles (feel free to read more than these!)**

- *The Best Chef in Second Grade* by Katharin Kenah
- *Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *Where Is Cuddly Cat?* by June Woodman
- *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume
- *The Magic Tree House* (series) by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Mercy Watson* (series) by Kate DiCamillo
- *Anansi the Spider* by McDermott
- *Harry and the Lady Next Door* by Zion
- *Just Plain Fancy* by Polacco
- *Letting Swift River Go* by Yolen
- *One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo* by Blume
- *Miss Nelson is Missing* by Allard
- *Flat Stanley* (series) by Jeff Brown
- *Frog Prince* by Tarcov
- *Cam Jansen* (series) by Adler
- *Ellen Tebbitts* by Cleary
- *Freckle Juice* by Blume
- *Magic School bus* (series by assorted authors)
- *Junie B. Jones* (series) by Barbara Park
- *Judy Moody* (series) by Megan MacDonald
- *Jump into Science* (series by assorted authors)
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows

- *Madeline* by Bemelmans
- *Emma Kate* by Polacco
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by McCloskey
- *Picture Book of Sojourner Truth* by David Adler
- *Picture Book of Louis Braille* by David Adler
- *Ghosthunters* by Cornelia Funke
- *Adventures of Benny and Watch* (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *My Weird School* (series) by Dan Gutman
- *National Geographic Readers Series* by assorted authors
- *Wednesday Surprise* by Bunting
- *Dandelion* by Freeman
- *Golly sisters Go West* by Byars
- *Noisy Nora* by Wells
- *Pippi Longstocking* by Lindgren
- *Who's in Rabbit's House* by Aardema
- *Gilberto and the Wind* by Ets