

St. John the Baptist School
Summer Reading Requirements for students
Entering Grade 3

“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!)

Please help your child choose books that are at his/her level. If you find a book that is not on the list, but at your child's level, allow them to read it. Students should read at least 15 to 20 minutes **each day**. This will get them into the habit of reading **every day**.

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

Easier

- *Nate the Great* (series) by Sharmat
- *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by Steig
- *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka
- *Amelia Bedelia* (series) by Peggy parish
- *Pinky and Rex* (series) by James Howe
- *Players in Pigtails* by Corey
- *Mercy Watson* (series) by DiCamillo
- *Any title* by Patricia Polacco
- *Rainbow Magic* by Meadows
- *My Weird School* (series) by Gutman
- *Judy Moody* (series) by MacDonald
- *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart* (series) by Hunt

At Grade Level (continued on next page)

- *There's A Boy In The Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar
- *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary
- *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Ronald Dahl
- *Welcome to Third Grade* by Jacklyn Williams
- *Bailey School Kids* (series) by Dadey and Jones

- *Jigsaw Jones Mystery* (Series) by Preller
- *Horrible Harry* (Series) by Kline
- *Cam Jansen* (series) by Adler
- *Magic Tree House* (series) by Osborne
- *Arthur Chapter book* series by Brown
- *The Littles* (series) by Peterson
- *A to Z mysteries* (series) by Ron Roy
- *Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo* (series) by Krulik
- *Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott
- *Gooney Bird Greene* by Lowry
- *Geronimo Stilton* (series) by Stilton
- *Amber Brown* (series) by Danziger
- *Suki's Kimono* by Uegaki
- *Michael's Golden Rule* by Jordan
- *Henry's Freedom box* by Levine
- *If You Decide to Go to the Moon* by McNulty
- *Zen Shorts* by Muth
- *I Was a Third Grade Science Project* by Auch
- *Miss Rumphius* by Cooney
- *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Burton
- *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Barrett
- *Classroom at the End of the Hall* by Evans
- *Chocolate Touch* by Catling
- *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days* by Manes
- *Courage of Sarah Noble* by Dalgliesh
- *Wayside School is Falling Down* (series) by Sachar

Challenging

- *The Boxcar Children* (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* (series) by Donald J. Sobol
- *The Babysitter's club* (series) by Martin
- *Homer Price* by McCloskey
- *American Girl Series*
- *Wishbone* (series)
- *Animorphs* (series)
- *Hive* (series)
- *Goosebumps* (series)
- Any titles by: Matt Christopher, Judy Bloom, Beverly Cleary, Dick King-Smith, Gail Gibbons
- *Non-Fiction Companions* by Osbourne
- *Let's Read and Find Out Science/Stage 2*

Poetry: All Levels

- Any collections or books by: Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, James Stevenson
- *Love That Dog and Hate that Cat* by Sharon Creech