

St. John the Baptist School
Summer Reading Requirements for students
Entering Grade 5

Students entering Grade 5 are asked to read and write a report on two of the books listed below. The format for reporting on books read is located on the back of this Reading List. Although students are asked to report only on two books, the list below contains some wonderful books that students will enjoy reading, and they should read more than just two on the list. Studies have shown time and again that students who spend 20-30 minutes a day reading perform better overall in their studies and are more successful in high school and beyond. Give yourself the gift of reading and read every day! See you in 5th Grade.

- *Bella at Midnight* by Stanley
- *The Penderwicks* (series) by Birdsall
- *Summer of the Swans* by Byars
- *The Pueblo Storyteller* by Hoyt-Goldsmith
- *Dear American* Series by various authors
- *My American* Series by various authors
- *Royal Diaries* Series by various authors
- *Main Street* series by martin
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Dahl
- *Milicent Min/Girl Genius* by Lisa Yee
- *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos*(series) by Lafavers
- *Eragon* by Paolini
- *Once Upon a Curse* by Baker
- *The Conch Bearer* by Divakaruni
- *Exiled* by Karr
- *Septimus Heap* by Sage
- *George Washington, Spymaster* by Allen
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by DiCamillo
- *House with a Clock in Its Walls* by Bellairs
- *Incredible Journey* by Burnford
- *Night of the Twisters* by Ruckman
- *Witness* by Hesse
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Giff
- *A Single Shard* by Park
- *Voyages of Doctor Doolittle* by Lofting
- *The Egypt Games* by Snyder
- *Tuck Everlasting* Babbitt
- *Dear Dumb Diary* by Benton
- *Pendragon* by MacHale
- *Underland Chronicles* by Collins
- *Fog Magic* by Sauer
- *Homework Machine* by Gutman
- *Harriet the Spy* by Fitzhugh
- *Barn* by Avi
- *Diary of a Would-Be Princess* by J. Green

- *The Meanest Doll in the World (series)* by Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin
- *The Frog Princess* by E.E. Baker
- *Books by Roald Dahl*
- *Books by Matt Christopher*

Name _____

Title of Book: _____

Author of Book: _____

Setting: Write at least 3 or 4 sentences on where the story takes place, include time period and location, be descriptive-give details.

Main characters in the story: Write at least 3 sentences on each main character, include physical descriptions where possible, as well as character traits.

Write a summary paragraph of what the book is about. This paragraph should include the problem (plot) that the story centers around, or events and actions that take place in the story. DO NOT TELL THE ENDING. A paragraph is at least five sentences. Check your paragraph for spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Your opinion is important write at least 3 or 4 sentences telling why you liked or disliked the book. Be specific, give examples of why you would or would not recommend the book to someone else.

Have a great summer, see you in 5th grade! ☺