



## INCOMING PRE-PRIMARY SCHOLARS

The following is a list of suggested books to read with your scholars before they begin their first day of school at St. James!

*Preschool Day Hooray!* Written by Linda Leopold Strauss and Illustrated by Hiroe Nakata

*My First Day at Nursery School* Written by Becky Edwards and Illustrated by Anthony Flintoft

*Maisy Goes to Preschool: A Maisy First Experiences Book*

*Anno's Counting Book* by Mitsumasa Anno

*The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr.

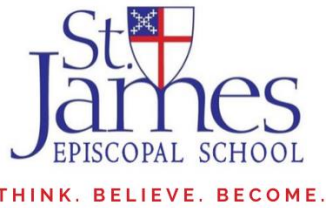
*Freight Train* by Donald Crews

*Triangles* Written by Mac Barnett and Illustrated by Jon Klassen

*Calm Down Time* by Elizabeth Verdick

*The Way I Feel* by Janan Cain

Any Eric Carle Book



## **RISING PRIMARY SCHOLARS**

Primary Curriculum includes many themes such as “All About Me”, “Families”, “Transportation”, and “Shapes, Colors, Animals, and Insects” (just to name a few!). Reading with your child helps increase their vocabulary, attention span and communication skills, strengthens their social and emotional development, and creates a love for reading. Our recommended reading list includes a few of our classroom favorites from last year.

*Tomie dePaola’s Mother Goose*

*The Grouchy Ladybug* Eric Carle

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* Eric Carle

*How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?* Jane Yolen

*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* Laura Numeroff

*The Pout Pout Fish* Deborah Diesen

*The Napping House* Audrey Wood

*Glad Monster, Sad Monster* Ed Emberley and Anne Miranda

### **Favorite Authors**

Eric Carle

Bill Martin, Jr.

Anna Dewdney

Lois Ehlert

Todd Parr



## **RISING PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARS**

Our curriculum includes nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and Bible stories. The first three books will help prepare your scholars for instruction, and the fourth will help them learn appropriate times to talk and listen.

### **Required Summer Reading for Rising Pre-K Scholars**

*Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose*

*The Random House Book of Fairy Tales*

*The Jesus Storybook Bible* Sally Lloyd-Jones

*My Mouth is a Volcano* Julia Cook

*How Full is Your Bucket? for Kids* Tom Rath

More important than WHAT you read is THE TIME you read. Research consistently proves that reading 20 minutes a day increases your child's vocabulary, attention span, love of reading, and school success. Besides, it is just a sweet time for both the child and the adult! Here are some suggestions but let your son or daughter's interests and enjoyment be your guide. Please include nursery rhymes, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction genres in your library.

### **Favorite Authors**

Eric Carle

Bill Martin, Jr.

Eileen Christelow

Tomie dePaola

Doreen Cronin

Jan Brett

Jane Yolen

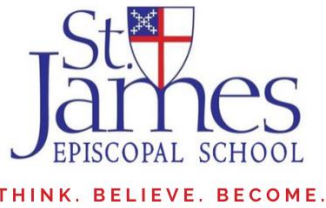
Paulette Bourgeois (Franklin the turtle)

Kevin Henkes

Dr. Seuss

Leo Lionni

Gail Gibbons



## **RISING JR. KINDER SCHOLARS**

*Grumpy Monkey* Suzanne Lang

*Me First* Helen Lester

*Alpha Opps! The Day Z Went First* Aletha Kontis

*Ten Black Dots* Donald Crews

*Giraffe's Can't Dance* Giles Andreae

*We Are Growing!* Mo Willems

*Ice Cream Summer* Peter Sis

*What Do You Do With a Problem?* Kobi Yamada

*They All Saw a Cat* Brenden Wenzel

*God Gave Us You* Lisa Tawn Bergren

### **Additional Books**

Nursery Rhymes

Traditional Tales

Non-fiction

Dr. Seuss

Elephant & Piggie Series - Mo Willems

Little Critter Series - Mercer Mayer

Clifford Series - Norman Bridwell



## **RISING KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARS**

Congratulations and Welcome to Kindergarten at St. James! Your Child is about to embark on an exciting year! Kindergarten is a year of fun and challenge. To help you get ready we are giving you some recommended reading and activities for the summer.

Books should be read for both enjoyment and practice without frustration. If your child is already a beginning reader, you can select books on their level. It is just as, if not more important to read TO your child. Hearing you read fosters a love for reading, develops comprehension, and helps them recognize the need for reading with expression.

### **Required Books**

*Welcome to Kindergarten* by Anne Rockwell

*Reading Makes You Feel Good* by Todd Parr

*Flashlight Night* by Matt Forrest Esenwine

*Bringing in the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema

*Froodle* by Antoinette Portis

*Take a Hike Miles and Spike* by Ethan Long and Travis Foster

*Fredrick* by Leo Lionni

*One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree* by Daniel Bernstrom

Any Book by Dr. Seuss

These can be found at Barnes & Noble and Amazon or check your local library.

Activities that engage your child in math and critical thinking skills are fun, too! Try some of these, especially as August arrives:

1. Collect, sort, and count items. Buttons, bread ties, rocks, shells, stamps-anything! Count by ones, fives and tens. Sort by color, shape and size.
2. Take walks and find opportunities to observe things like shadows, bugs, flowers, puddles. Ask questions like “what makes a shadow?” or “why are there cracks in the sidewalk?” Skip, hop and take giant steps, then talk about the difference.
3. Label things around the house with sticky notes.
4. Let them help you measure when you cook.
5. Play board games and work puzzles.
6. Let them pay with cash at the store and count the change together.
7. Draw, cut and glue.
8. Practice zipping, snapping and packing anything.
9. MOST IMPORTANT: eat lots of ice cream, swim, and play!

***Have a Wonderful Summer!!!!***



## **RISING FIRST GRADE SCHOLARS**

Welcome to First Grade! The coming year will be full of exciting challenges and happy successes! The following is a list of required and suggested summer reading titles; however, more important than WHAT you read is THE TIME you read together! Research consistently proves that reading 20 minutes a day increases your child's vocabulary, attention span, love of reading, and future school success! To help your Kinder scholar practice reading skills over the summer and feel "First Grade" ready, plan a regular reading time together.

### **Required Books**

*The Giving Tree* Shel Silverstein

*Henry Hodges Needs a Friend* Andy Andrews

*Only God Can Make a Kitten* Rhonda Greene

*Green Eggs and Ham* Dr. Seuss

Any one (scholar's choice) of Gail Gibbons' nonfiction selections

### **Then choose at least 5 of the following books to read:**

*Rainbow Fish* Marcus Pfister

*My Lucky Day* Keiko Kasza

*My Best Friend* Pat Hutchins

*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* Mary Ann Hoberman

*Make Way for Ducklings* Robert McCloskey

*Bear Snores On* Karma Wilson

*Big Red Barn* Margaret Wise Brown

*Olivia* Ian Falconer

*Bedtime for Frances* Russell Hoban

*Swimmy* Leo Lionni

*Time for Bed* Mem Fox

*Little Bear* Else Holmelund

*Anansi and the Magic Stick* Eric A. Kimmel

### **Or any title from the following series of books:**

Frog and Toad Series - Arnold Lobel

Arthur Series - Marc Brown

Henry and Mudge Series - Cynthia Rylant

Elephant & Piggie Series - Mo Willems



## **RISING SECOND GRADE SCHOLARS**

Scholars will complete an assigned project over **ONE of these books**, of their choice, at the beginning of school:

*Monarch Butterfly* Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 3.4)

*Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express* Eleanor Coerr (A.R. level 2.7)

*The Keeping Quilt* Patricia Polacco (A.R. level 4.4)

*Amazing Grace* Mary Hoffman (A.R. level 3.5 \)

*My Awesome Summer P. Mantis (A Nature Diary)* Paul Meisel (A.R. level 2.1)

*The Chalk Box Kid* Clyde Robert Bulla (A.R. level 2.7)

Scholars should also choose and complete **at least 5 (five) of the following selections** by the end of summer:

*The Last Stop on Market Street* Matt de la Pena (AR level 3.3)

*The Name Jar* Yangsook Choi (AR level 3.1)

*Angel Child, Dragon Child* Michelle Maria Surat (AR level 2.8)

*The Hula Hoopin' Queen* Thelma Lynne Godin (AR level 3.4)

*Mr. George Baker* Amy Hest (AR level 2.5)

*The Raft* Jim Lamarche (AR level 4.1)

*Dandelions* Eve Bunting (AR level 3.5)

*From Seed to Plant* Gail Gibbons (AR. level 3.4)

*The Reasons for the Seasons* Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 4.2)

*Give Bees a Chance* Bethany Barton ( A.R. level 3.6)

*I'm Trying to Love Spiders* Bethan Barton (AR level 2.5)

*The Very Quiet Cricket* Eric Carle (A.R. level 3.0)

*The Great Kapok Tree* Lynne Cherry (AR level 3.8)

*A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln* David A. Adler (A.R. level 3.8)

*Clara Barton* Wil Mara (A.R. level 2.6)

*Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner* Janice Harrington (not AR)

*What Presidents Are Made Of* Hanoch Piven (AR level 4.9)

*The Three Pigs* David Weisner (AR Level 2.3)

*The Lion and The Mouse* Gare Thompson (AR level 2.4) (or by Jerry Pinkney- not AR)

*Ancient Greece and the Olympics* Mary Pope Osborne (A.R. level 4.4)



## **RISING THIRD GRADE SCHOLARS**

**Required Book** (Scholars will be expected to complete a project on this novel at the beginning of the school year)

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White (AR 4.4)

**Choose at least one from this list:**

*Magic Tree House - Fact Tracker - Rainforest* (AR 4.8)

*Magic Tree House - Afternoon on the Amazon* (AR 2.6)

*Who was Ferdinand Magellan?* (AR 4.6)

*What Was Ellis Island?* (AR 5.6)

*Where is the Parthenon?* (AR 6.3)

**Choose at least one from this list:**

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate (AR 3.6)

*Miss Daisy is Crazy* by Dan Gutman (AR 4.3)

*Runaway Ralph* by Beverly Cleary (AR 5.3)

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo (AR 4.4)

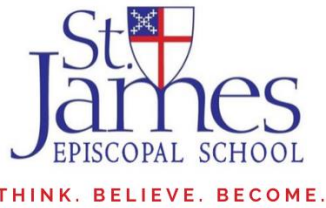
*Stuart Little* by EB White (AR 6.0)

*A - Z Mysteries - The Absent Author* by Ron Roy (AR 3.4)

*Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs (AR 5.3)

*The BFG* by Roald Dahl (AR 4.8)





## **RISING FOURTH GRADE SCHOLARS**

**Scholars must read one of the following:**

*Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl

**Scholars may pick 2 of the following:**

*Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith

*Beezus and Ramona* by Beverly Cleary

*Fudge-a-Mania* by Judy Blume

*Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater

*Frindle* by Andrew Clements

*A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning (Book 1)* by Lemony Snicket

*Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh

*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo



## Rising 5th Graders

# SUMMER READING LIST 2022

Upcoming 5th Graders are expected to read THREE books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**The Island of the Blue Dolphins** and **Holes**) and then choose one from the optional category (The Indian in the Cupboard, Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart, or The Sign of the Beaver). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

**THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER BY ELIZABETH GEORGE SPEAR -- OPTIONAL CHOICE**

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Indian in the Cupboard  
by Lynne Reid Banks -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

**Holes by Louis Sachar -- REQUIRED**

**The Island of the Blue Dolphins  
by Scott O'Dell -- REQUIRED**



## Rising 6th Graders

# SUMMER READING LIST 2022

Upcoming 6th Graders are expected to read **THREE** books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**The Bridge to Terabitha and Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths**) and then choose one from the optional category (**The Fourteenth Goldfish, The Incredible Journey or Wild Man Island**). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holmes  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Incredible Journey  
by Sheila Burnford -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

**WILD MAN ISLAND BY WILL HOBBS**  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

**Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek  
Myths by Bernard Evslin -- REQUIRED**

**The Bridge to Terabitha  
by Katherine Paterson -- REQUIRED**



## Rising 7th Graders

# SUMMER READING LIST 2022

Upcoming 7th Graders are expected to read THREE books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**Bomb and The Devil's Arithmetic**) and then choose one from the optional category (Nothing But the Truth, The Seventh Most Important Thing or A Separate Peace). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

Nothing but the Truth by Avi  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Seventh Most Important Thing by  
Shelly Pearsall -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

**A SEPARATE PEACE BY JOHN KNOWLES**  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Devil's Arithmetic  
by Jane Yolen  
REQUIRED

Bomb  
by Steve Sheinkin REQUIRED



## Rising 8th Graders

# SUMMER READING LIST 2022

Upcoming 8th Graders are expected to read THREE books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**The Outsiders** and **The Sunflower**) and then choose one from the optional category (Red Kayak, The Giver, or The Book Thief). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Giver by Lois Lowry  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

**RED KAYAK BY PRISCILLA CUMMINGS**  
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Sunflower by Simon  
Wiesenthal  
REQUIRED

**The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton**  
REQUIRED