

St. Rose of Lima Academy First Grade Summer Reading List

Below is a suggested summer reading list for your child. Parents and children can read books aloud together or they can be read independently. Please read every day.

This list includes books of various levels of difficulty. You may read any books. The important thing is to read!! I encourage parents to get involved by helping your child choose books. Visiting the library is a great summertime activity. Many of the local libraries have great summer programs for children. Be sure to check them out!

You should choose a favorite book and complete one of the following projects:

- A character puppet (stick, bag, or sock puppet)
- A diorama (3D shoebox)
- A poster

The project will be due the first day of school.

Have a great summer and remember to have fun reading every day.

Bang, Molly. *Goose*. Scholastic, 1996. SWEET AND SIMPLE PICTURE BOOK ABOUT AN ADORABLE BABY GOOSE WHO IS RAISED BY WOODCHUCKS AND ONE DAY LEAVES HOME TO FIND OUT WHO SHE REALLY IS.

Bonsall, Crosby. *Mine's the Best*. HarperCollins, 1996. Two little boys meet at the beach, each sure that his balloon is better.

Bonsall, Crosby. *The Case of the Hungry Stranger*. HarperCollins. 1992. MRS. MEECH REPORTS A MISSING BLUEBERRY PIE, SO WIZARD AND HIS FRIENDS TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY AND GIVE THE HUNGRY STRANGER HIS JUST DESSERTS.

Bornstein, Ruth. *Little Gorilla*. Houghton Mifflin, 1986. A SIMPLE RHYTHMIC TEXT ABOUT A GORILLA WHO GROWS AND GROWS AND GROWS.

Carlson, Nancy. *Arnie and the New Kid*. Viking, 1990. When an accident requires Arnie to use crutches, he begins to understand the limits and possibilities of his new classmate, who has a wheelchair.

Cohen, Miriam. *When Will I Read?* Greenwillow, 1977. Jim wants to read more than anything in the world. But he doesn't seem to be able to. His teacher promises his time will come, but he wants to read now!

Coxe, Molly. *Big Egg*. Random House, 1997. ONE MORNING HEN WAKES UP TO FIND AN EGG IN HER NEST BUT DOESN'T KNOW WHOSE IT IS.

Coxe, Molly. *R is for Radish!* Random House, 1997. Radish is a rabbit with problems. Can she fix her problems? You bet she can!

Crews, Donald. *Freight Train*. Beech Tree, 1996. BRIEF TEXT AND ILLUSTRATIONS TRACE THE JOURNEY OF A COLORFUL TRAIN AS IT GOES THROUGH TUNNELS, BY CITIES, AND OVER TRESTLES. A CALDECOTT HONOR BOOK.

Demuth, Patricia Brennan. *Johnny Appleseed*. Grosset & Dunlap, 1996. AN EASY READER THAT TELLS THE LEGEND OF JOHNNY'S LIFE ON THE ROAD AND HIS MISSION TO PLANT TREES ACROSS THE LAND.

DePaola, Tomie. *The Art Lesson*. Putnam, 1997. Tommy is determined to preserve his artistic integrity even in kindergarten.

Dr. Seuss. *Green Eggs and Ham*. Random House, 1960. IT TAKES MUCH EFFORT BEFORE SAM-I-AM CAN CONVINCEN ANOTHER PERSON TO TRY GREEN EGGS AND HAM.

Greene, Carol. *Hi, Clouds*. Children's Press, 1983. TWO CHILDREN WATCH CLOUDS BECOME FAT AND THIN, WHITE AND GRAY, THEN TURN INTO DOGS, SHEEP, DRAGONS, AND CASTLES.

Guarino, Deborah. *Is Your Mama a Llama?* Scholastic, 1991. A YOUNG LLAMA ASKS HIS FRIENDS IF THEIR MAMAS ARE LLAMAS AND FINDS OUT, IN RHYME, THAT THEIR MOTHERS ARE OTHER TYPES OF ANIMALS. A BLUE RIBBON BOOK.

Hall, Donald. *I AM THE DOG I AM THE CAT*. Dial, 1994. A ROTTWEILER DOG AND A TABBY CAT ALTERNATELY PHILOSOPHIZE ABOUT LIFE IN THEIR HUMAN HOUSEHOLD IN THIS WITTY FREE-VERSE POEM.

Hayes, Sarah. *This Is the Bear*. Candlewick Press, 1994. A toy bear is accidentally taken to the dump, but is rescued by a boy and a dog.

Herman, R.A. *Pal the Pony*. Grosset & Dunlap, 1996. PAL DISCOVERS SOMETHING HE CAN DO BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

Hooks, William H. *Where's Lulu?* Bantam, 1991. Just when Lulu the dog is needed to help play catch with the new ball from Dad, she cannot be found.

Horse, Harry. *A Friend for Little Bear*. Econo-Clad Books, 1999. A toy bear alone on a tiny island learns that of all the things that he has pulled from the sea the wooden horse is the most important.

Janovitz, Marilyn. *Can I Help?* North-South, 1996. A little wolf's father gratefully accepts his son's offer to work with him in the garden, even though the cub is more of a hindrance than a help.

Johnson, Angela. *One of Three.* Orchard, 1995. A series of candid reflections by the youngest of three sisters on her daily relationships with her older sisters and family.

Kasza, Keiko. *A Mother for Choco.* Paper Star, 1996. A TOUCHING BOOK ABOUT ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

Kraus, Robert. *Come Out and Play, Little Mouse.* Mulbery Books, 1995. Little Mouse is busy helping his family five days a week, but he gets to play with them on the weekend.

Kraus, Robert. *Where Are You Going, Little Mouse?* Greenwillow, 1986. A LITTLE MOUSE RUNS AWAY FROM HOME TO FIND A "NICER" FAMILY, BUT WHEN DARKNESS COMES, HE MISSES THEM AND REALIZES HOW MUCH HE LOVES THEM.

Lobel, Anita. *Away from Home.* Greenwillow, 1994. Through a play, children wander the world doing their favorite things.

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad All Year.* Harper Trophy, 1984. FIVE STORIES OF FROG AND TOAD, ONE PER SEASON AND A CHRISTMAS STORY. AN ALA NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOK.

Maccarone, Grace. *Soccer Game!* Scholastic, 1994. A LOOK AT ALL THE FUN OF A SOCCER GAME.

Maccarone, Grace. *The Lunch Box Surprise.* Scholastic, 1995. SAM'S FRIENDS COME TO THE RESCUE WHEN HIS MOTHER FORGETS TO PACK HIS SCHOOL LUNCH. ILLUS. BY BETSY LEWIN.

Marshall, James. *Fox Be Nimble.* Dial, 1990. Fox baby-sits for the miserable Ling children, makes a big scene when he slips on a skate and hurts himself, and gets to lead the band in the big parade.

McKissack, Patricia C. and Frederick. *Bugs.* Children's Press, 2000. SIMPLE TEXT AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF A VARIETY OF INSECTS INTRODUCE THE NUMBERS ONE THROUGH FIVE.

McPhail, David. *The Puddle.* Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1998. A small boy sets out to sail his boat in a puddle and is joined by a frog, a turtle, an alligator, and an elephant.

Morris, Ann. *Bread, Bread, Bread.* Mulbery Books, 1993. Celebrate the different kinds of bread and how they may be enjoyed.

Polacco, Patricia. *The Bee Tree*. Philomel, 1993. To teach his granddaughter the value of books, a grandfather leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey.

Rau, Dana Meachen. *A Box Can Be Many Things*. Children's Press, 1997. A girl and her brother retrieve a large box from the garbage and pretend that it is a cave, car, house, and cage.

Rex, Michael. *The Painting Gorilla*. Henry Holt, 1997. A gorilla who lives in a zoo and loves to paint becomes rich and famous for her art and asks the other animals what she should do with her money.

Robinson, Fay. *Mighty Spiders*. Cartwheel Books, 1996. DELIGHTFUL RHYMING BOOK THAT INTRODUCES CHILDREN TO THE WORLD OF SPIDERS.

Rockwell, Anne. *Our Earth*. Silver Whistle, 1998. A simple introduction to geography which explains such things as how the earth was shaped, how islands are born from volcanoes, and how gushing springs affect rivers.

Shaw, Nancy. *Sheep Out to Eat*. Houghton Mifflin, 1995. FIVE HUNGRY SHEEP DISCOVER THAT A TEASHOP MAY NOT BE THE BEST PLACE FOR THEM TO EAT.

Shaw, Nancy. *Sheep in a Shop*. Houghton Mifflin, 1995. SHEEP HUNT FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT AND MAKE HAVOC OF THE SHOP, ONLY TO DISCOVER THEY HAVEN'T THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THINGS.

Shaw, Nancy. *Sheep on a Ship*. Houghton Mifflin, 1995. SHEEP ON A DEEP-SEA VOYAGE RUN INTO TROUBLE WHEN IT STORMS AND ARE GLAD TO COME PADDLING INTO PORT.

Skofield, James. *Detective Dinosaur*. HarperCollins, 1998. Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl are challenged to solve three cases when a hat is missing, a shoe squeaks, and a loud clanging comes from a dark alley at night.

Spohn, Kate. *Dog and Cat Make a Splash*. Viking, 1997. Cat and Dog and their friends learn to swim, have a tag sale, put on a magic show, and have a boating birthday party.

Stadler, John. *Hooray for Snail!* Harper Trophy, 1985. SNAIL HITS A BASEBALL ALL THE WAY TO THE MOON. A READING RAINBOW BOOK.

Tompert, Ann. *Just a Little Bit*. Houghton Mifflin, 1996. When Mouse and Elephant decide to go on the seesaw, Mouse needs a lot of help from other animals before they can go up and down.

Van Laan, Nancy. *Little Fish, Lost*. Atheneum, 1998. Little Fish loses his mother in an African pond and searches everywhere for her, seeing all kinds of animals in the process.