

May 27, 2010

Summer Reading



Dear Augustine School Families:

Greetings! One of the many things we at Augustine are trying to recover and to cultivate is a *literary* culture. Stories and poems have traditionally been part of our common cultural heritage, but over the last few decades, literary culture has declined. People do not read and discuss books, poems, and stories as frequently or as passionately as they once did. I want our students and families to be readers and lovers of books.

Attached to this note is a Summer Reading List for your child. You will notice that for most grades, the list includes some books that can be read independently by the student, along with others that can be read aloud for the enjoyment of the entire family. The reason for this is that we believe children of all ages benefit not only from reading to themselves but from being read to by others. Children have larger listening vocabularies than they do reading vocabularies, so it is possible for them to listen to books that they are not yet ready to read independently. In addition, enjoying books together as a family helps to nurture a love of reading. I hope you will make every effort to carve out time from your busy schedule to make family reading a tradition in your family, if it is not already.

Reading is a great way to keep the mind active during the summer months, but more importantly, it is a chance for your student to experience the joy and wonder of reading a good book without any concerns about grades or tests. While there will be no grades for this program, there will be a special "Reader's Breakfast with Mr. Drown" held when school resumes to honor those who read the required number of books from their list. It will be a time for students to share their favorite scenes or moments from the books they read. All that is needed is that the parent sign that the student has read the required number of books from the list for the appropriate grade (or a higher grade).

I hope you have a wonderful summer! Enjoy your family, and read some good books together!

Blessings to you,

Seth Drown
Dean of Academic Affairs

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Kindergarten Reading List

Summer 2010

Choose at least 5 books from the lists below. If the books listed are too easy, you may choose books from a higher grade's list.

I have read the following books this summer (Circle the ones you have read. You may circle the poetry book if you read at least ten poems from it.):

Parent Read-Alouds

The Carrot Seed, Ruth Krauss

Ten, Nine, Eight, Molly Bang

Is Your Mama a Llama, Deborah Guarino

Abiyoyo, Pete Seeger

One, Two, Three, Sandra Boynton

The ABC Book, Dr. Seuss

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, Dr. Seuss

Beginning Readers

BOB books (set 1)

Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown

School Bus, Donald Crews

Goodnight Gorilla, Peggy Rathman

Brown Bear, Bill Martin, Eric Carle

Hop on Pop, Dr. Seuss

Poetry

Favorite Poems Old and New, edited by Helen Ferris.

Parent Signature _____

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First Grade Reading List

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Choose at least **5** books from the lists below. If the books listed are too easy, you may choose books from a higher grade's list.

I have read the following books this summer (Circle the ones you have read. You may circle the poetry book if you read at least ten poems from it.):

Read-Aloud Short Books

Brown Bear, by Eric Carle

Where Does the Brown Bear Go? by Nicki Weiss

Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews

Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle

Over in the Meadow by Paul Galdone

Dr. Seuss Books:

The ABC Book

Hop on Pop

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!

The Foot Book

Green Eggs and Ham

Put Me in the Zoo

Read-Aloud Novels

George Selden, *A Cricket in Times Square*

Russell E. Erickson, *A Toad for Tuesday*

E. B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

Frank L. Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

C.S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*

Read-Aloud Poetry

Helen Ferris, *Favorite Poems Old and New*

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Second Grade Reading List

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Choose at least **4** books from the lists below. If the books listed are too easy, you may choose books from a higher grade's list.

I have read the following books this summer (Circle the ones you have read. You may circle the poetry book if you read at least ten poems from it.):

Independent Readers

Billy and Blaze, C.W. Anderson (Any in series)

Fox in Sox, Dr. Seuss

One Morning in Maine, Robert McCloskey

Father Bear Comes Home, Maurice Sendak

Are You My Mother? P.D. Eastman

Sam and the Firefly, E.D. Anderson

Harry the Dirty Dog, Gene Zion

Mouse Soup, Arnold Lobel

Henry and Mudge and the Bed Time Thumps, Cynthia Rylant

Henry and Mudge Get the Cold Shivers, Cynthia Rylant and Sucie Stevenson

Henry and Mudge: The First Book (Any of these.), Cynthia Rylant and Sucie Stevenson

Too Many Babas, Carolyn Croll

Poetry

Helen Ferris, *Favorite Poems Old and New*

Family Read-Alouds

Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

C. S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*

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Third Grade Reading List

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Choose at least 4 books from the lists below. If the books listed are too easy, you may choose books from a higher grade's list.

I have read the following books this summer (Circle the ones you have read. You may circle a poetry book if you read at least ten poems from it.):

Independent Readers

Amelia Bedelia books

Books from the *Little House* series (except *On the Banks of Plum Creek*)

Biographies:

Heroes of the Faith series

Childhood of Famous Americans series

Heroes of America series

The *Boxcar Children* series

Poetry books:

Poetry for Young People by Emily Dickinson or Robert Frost

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson

A Treasure of Poetry selected by Alistair Hedley

Favorite Poems Old and New by Helen Ferris

Family Read-Alouds or Advanced Independent Readers

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

J. R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*

C. S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*

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Fourth Grade Reading List

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Choose at least 3 books from the following list.

I have read the following books this summer (Circle the ones you have read. You may circle the poetry book if you read at least ten poems from it.):

Independent Readers

Robert C. O'Brien, *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of N.I.M.H*

Any of the *Illustrated Classics* series (a series of abridged treatments of classics of western literature)

Walt Morey, *Gentle Ben*

D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths

Elizabeth George Speare, *The Bronze Bow*

Armstrong Sperry, *Call it Courage*

Patricia MacLachlin, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*

Phyllis Naylor, *Saving Shiloh*

OR any book from the booklist on this website:

<http://www.classicalhomeschooling.org/celoop/1000.html>

Family Read-Alouds

Any of the above books would make excellent family read-alouds as well.

Poetry

Favorite Poems Old and New by Helen Ferris

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Fifth Grade Reading List

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Fifth graders must read *The Horse and His Boy*, *The Silver Chair* and *The Last Battle* by C. S. Lewis to complete the Chronicles of Narnia.

Students who complete the Narnia series and are still looking for books to read may wish to consult the 1000 Good Books List from the following website: <http://www.classical-homeschooling.org/celoop/1000.html> or one of the many historical adventure novels by G. A. Henty.

Yes, my child has read *The Horse and His Boy*, *The Silver Chair*, and *The Last Battle* by C. S. Lewis.

Parent's Signature

Date

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Augustine School Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th Grades) Reading List Summer 2010

Middle School students should choose at least three books from the following list. Although we believe there is great value in rereading good books, please choose three books that you have not read before (though you may read a book that has been read *to you* before). Any student entering 7th or 8th grade who has *not* read *The Lord of the Rings*, should read that trilogy before reading anything else.

G. K. Chesterton, Father Brown mysteries

Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*
Oliver Twist

Dumas, *The Three Musketeers*
The Count of Monte Cristo

Anne Frank, *The Diary of Anne Frank*

C. S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*

Jack London, *The Sea Wolf*

Kipling, *Captains Courageous*
The Jungle Book

Robert N. Peck, *A Day No Pigs Would Die*

Sir Walter Scott, *Ivanhoe*

Robert Louis Stevenson, *Treasure Island*
Kidnapped

Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*

Verne, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
Journey to the Center of the Earth

Wells, *The Time Machine*
The Invisible Man
War of the Worlds
The Island of Dr. Moreau

Richard Adams, *Watership Down*

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