

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

SUMMER READING
2008



HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY SUMMER

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL
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Bethesda, Maryland 20816

Dear Parents,

The Faculty and I would like to join with you in encouraging all of our students to use the summer months well. With days of vacation and freedom from the regular schedule of classes it is a marvelous time to continue to foster the wonderful habit of leisure reading.

We have listed some wonderful books including a collection of fine books that parents or older students can read to our children in our Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade.

It is our hope that the children will read and enjoy the works of a variety of authors. These recommended listings cover a wide range of reading levels and are not meant to be confining. Students may read other titles and other authors or even read books on other grade lists. The goal is for them to take advantage of the summer to acquaint themselves with many authors and a variety of types of books.

As adults we know that reading is a marvelous habit to develop. We would like to bring our students to that same realization and the best way for that to happen is to encourage them to read, read, and read.

In this packet, we are also enclosing a paper for each child to record his/her readings during the summer. These should be returned to the classroom teacher in the fall and we can post them throughout the school. What a great way to start the year and to encourage reading!

Have a wonderful summer!

Faculty of Little Flower School
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EARLY CHILDHOOD

READ ALOUD BOOKS

Nursery Rhymes/Poetry

Animal Crackers
The Beauty of the Beast
Dragon's Dragons
You Be Good & I'll Be Night
Here Comes Mother Goose
Tomie dePaola's Book of Poems
Making Friends with Frankenstein
My Favorite Things
A Fawn in the Grass

Jane Dyer
Jack Prelutsky
Eric Carle
Eve Merriam
Iona Opie, editor
Tomie dePaola
Colin McNaughton
Rodgers & Hammerstein
Joanne Ryder

Alphabet Books

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready
for Kindergarten
Wildlife A, B, C
The Hullabaloo, A, B, C
Running the Road to A, B, C
Action Alphabet
Into the A, B, Sea
A Farmer's Alphabet

Joseph Slate
Jan Thornbill
Beverly Cleary
Denize Lauture
Marty Neumeier
Deborah L. Rose
Mary Azarian

Anthologies

Old Testament Stories
Favorite Nursery Tales
Frederick's Fables
Sing a Song of Popcorn
My Very First Mother Goose
Great Big Treasury of Beatrix Potter

Tomie dePaola
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Leo Lionni
Scholastic Inc., Ed
Iona Opie, Ed.
Beatrix Potter

Counting Books

Ten Little Mice
Up to Ten & Down Again
26 Letters, 99 Cents
The Red Apples

Joyce Dunbar
Lisa Campbell Ernst
Tana Hoban
Pat Hutchins

Pattern Books

Go Away, Big Green Monster
Drummer Hoff
The Flea's Sneeze
Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Time for Bed
Sleepy Bear
Jessie Bear, What Will You Wear?

Ed Emberley
Ed Emberley
Lynn Downey
Bill Martin
Mem Fox
Mem Fox
Nancy Carlson

Non Fiction

Wild and Woolly Mammoths
Life Story
The Tiny Seed
Very Hungry Caterpillar
Boat Book
Tool Book
Night of the Pufflings
Who is the World For?
Book of Trucks

Aliki
Virginia Lee Burton
Eric Carle
Eric Carle
Gail Gibbons
Gail Gibbons
Bruce McMillan
Tom Pow
Seymour Simon

Picture Books

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
Stellaluna
Fin M' Coul
Possum Magic
Chrysanthemum
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse
I Want to Stay Here..Go There
It's Mine
Inch by Inch
Wump World
Big Bad Bruce
Thundercake
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
Brave Irene
Amos and Boris
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
Jumanji
A Voyage to the Bunny Planet
Rude Giants
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

Judi Barrett
Janell Cannon
Tomie dePaola
Mem Fox
Kevin Henkes
Kevin Henkes
Leo Lionni
Leo Lionni
Leo Lionni
Bill Peet
Bill Peet
Patricia Polacco
William Steig
William Steig
William Steig
Simms Taback
Chris Van Alsburg
Rosemary Wells
Audrey & Don Wood
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SECOND GRADE

RECOMMENDED READING

Fiction

Young Cam Jansen (series)
Little Rat Books
Wagon Wheels
Flat Stanley (and sequels)
The Golly Sisters Ride Again
Mercy Watson books
Iris and Walter (series)
The Horse in Harry's Room
Nine Lives of Aristotle
Horrible Harry Series
Snowshoe Thompson
Harley
Frog and Toad (series)
The Bookstore Ghost
Fox and His Friends
The Drinking Gourd
Magic Tree House Series
The Outside Dog
High-Rise Private Eyes Series
Henry and Mudge Series

David Adler
Monika Bang-Campbell
Barbara Brenner
Jeff Brown
Betsy Byars
Kate DiCamillo
Elissa Haden Guest
Sid Hoff
Dick King-Smith
Suzy Kline
Nancy Levinson
Star Livingstone
Arnold Lobel
Barbara Maitland
James Marshall
F.N. Monjo
Mary Pope Osborne
Charlotte Pomerantz
Cynthia Rylant
Cynthia Rylant

Nonfiction

Let's Read and Find Out Series
Flight
The Great Kapok Tree
At the Edge of the Pond
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! (or other Eyewitness
Readers Level 2)
My Place in Space
Follow the Money
Outstanding Outsides
Once There Was a Tree
What's Smaller than a Pygmy Shrew

Franklin Branley & Others
Robert Burleigh
Lynne Cherry
Jennifer Dewey
Jennifer Dussling

Robin Hirst
Loreen Leedy
Hana Machotka
Natalia Romanova
Robert Wells

Folk Tales

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears
Once a Mouse
The Gingerbread Boy
Jabuti the Tortoise
The Talking Eggs

Verna Aardema
Marcia Brown
Paul Galdone
Gerald McDermott
Robert D. San Souci

Poetry/Humor

Creepy Riddles
Talking Like the Rain
Mice are Nice
The Frog Wore Red Suspenders
(and other Prelutsky titles)

Katy Hall and Lisa Eisenberg
X.J. Kennedy
Nancy Larrick
Jack Prelutsky

For the first week of school, Second Graders are asked to:

1. Turn in their list of summer readings, signed by parents, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with permission of parents.
2. Read at least twelve books. Books listed represent different reading levels, with some more challenging than others.

THIRD GRADE

RECOMMENDED READING

Fiction

Cam Jansen (series)	David Adler
Tornado	Betsy Byars
Henry Huggins (or any Henry or Ramona book)	Beverly Cleary
A Toad for Tuesday	Russell Erickson
Chet Gecko Mystery Series	Bruce Hale
Runaway Radish	Jessie Hass
Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth's Diary (Or other books in My America series)	Patricia Hermes
George Speaks	Dick King-Smith
Hannah of Fairfield (and sequels)	Jean Van Leeuwen
Invisible Inc. (series)	Elizabeth Levy
Battle for St. Michael's (I Can Read Chapter Book)	Emily Arnold McCully
Marvin Redpost (series)	Louis Sachar
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (or any Geronimo Stilton book)	Geronimo Stilton
Nate the Great (series)	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Nonfiction

Childhood of Famous Americans (any title)	Aladdin Paperbacks
A Medieval Feast	Aliki
Moonwalk (Step into Reading)	Judy Donnelly
Great Northern Diver	Barbara Esbensen
Giant Pandas (or any nonfiction title)	Gail Gibbons
Teammates	Peter Golenbock
Best Book of Whales & Dolphins (any title in this series)	Christiane Gunzi
Eyewitness Reader-Level 2, 3, or 4	Dorling Kindersley DK Publishing
The Moon (A True Book)	Allison Lassieur
The Sun (A true book)	Allison Lassieur
Astronauts (A true book)	Allison Lassieur
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Kathryn Lasky
Step into Reading (Level 3 or 4)	Random House

Folk Tales/Myth

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Verna Aardema
Who's In Rabbit's House?	Verna Aardema
Paul Bunyan (or other tales by this author)	Steven Kellogg
Fables	Arnold Lobel
Tales from the Odyssey Series	Mary Pope Osborne
Squids Will Be Squids	Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

Poetry

Insectlopedia (or any title by Florian)	Douglas Florian
Ride a Purple Pelican (or any title by Prelutsky)	Jack Prelutsky
Where The Sidewalk Ends (or any title by Silverstein)	Shel Silverstein

For the first week of school, Third Graders are asked to:

1. Read a minimum of five books chosen from at least three different categories. Books listed represent different reading levels, with some more challenging than others.
2. Turn in a list of summer readings, signed by parents, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with permission of parents.

FOURTH GRADE

RECOMMENDED READING

Historical Fiction

Qwerty Stevens, Back in Time: the Edison Mystery and sequel	Dan Gutman
Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
Ben and Me	Robert Lawson
Galen: My Life in Imperial Rome	Marissa Moss
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld
Dear America Series (any title)	Scholastic Books

Realistic Fiction

The Penderwicks (and sequel)	Jeanne Birdsall
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
Oh No, It's Robert (or others in this series)	Barbara Seuling
The Library Card	Jerry Spinelli
All of a Kind Family	Sidney Taylor

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Poppy (or other books in this series)	Avi
The Children of Green Knowe (or other Green Knowe Chronicles)	L. M. Boston
The Spiderwick Chronicles	Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
Half Magic	Edward Eager
Toad Rage (and sequels)	Morris Gleitzman
Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep (or others in The Princess Tales series)	Gail Carson Levine
The Secret of Platform 13	Eva Ibbottson
The Doll People (and sequel)	Ann Martin
Harry Potter (any title)	J.K. Rowling
Rowan of Rin (and sequels)	Emily Rodda
The Time Warp Trio Series	Jon Scieszka

Nonfiction

The Journey That Saved Curious George	Louise Borden
Volcano	Patricia Lauber
The Amazing Potato	Milton Meltzer
Saturn (or other titles by this author)	Seymour Simon
Joan of Arc	Diane Stanley

Folklore/Myths/Fairy Tales

Aesop's Fables	Aesop
Tales from Grimm/More Tales from Grimm	Grimm
American Tall Tales	Mary Pope Osborne
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths	Ingri & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
Cut From the Same Cloth	Robert D. San Souci

RECOMMENDED AUTHORS:

Frances Hodgson Burnett, Beverly Cleary, Betsy Byars, Johanna Hurwitz, Peggy Parish, Sid Fleischman, Roald Dahl, Matt Christopher, Laura Ingalls Wilder

For the first week of school, Fourth Graders are asked to:

1. Read at least four of the recommended books.
2. Turn in a list of summer readings signed by parents. Include the title, author and illustrator. You will receive special fourth grade tickets for each book you read.

FIFTH GRADE

RECOMMENDED READING

Realistic Fiction

The Incredible Journey
A Week in the Woods
The Watsons Go to Birmingham
The Saturdays (others in Melendy Quartet)
Black Stallion
Sun and Spoon
Year of Miss Agnes
Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear
Finding Buck McHenry
A Series of Unfortunate Events (any title)
Banner in the Sky
The Best Bad Thing

Sheila Burnford
Andrew Clements
Christopher P. Curtis
Elizabeth Enright
Walter Farley
Kevin Henkes
Kirkpatrick Hill
Lensey Namoika
Alfred Slote
Lemony Snicket
James R. Ullman
Yoshiko Uchida

Historical Fiction

The Door in the Wall
Stepping on the Cracks
Jip
Washington City is Burning
Esperanza Rising
My Name is America (series)

Marguerite DeAngeli
Mary Downing Hahn
Katherine Paterson
Harriette Gillem Robinet
Pam M. Ryan
Scholastic Books

Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction

Dangerous Planet:
Natural Disasters that Changed History
Lincoln
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt
The Coast Mappers
The Autobiography of a Kid

Bryn Barnard
Russell Freedman
Jean Fritz
Taylor Morrison
Jerry Spinelli

Fantasy

The Book of Three (or any of the Prydain Chronicles)
The Boggart (and sequel)
Honus and Me (or any Baseball Card Adventure)
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (and sequels)

Lloyd Alexander
Susan Cooper
Dan Gutman
Robert C. O'Brien
Jane Leslie Conly
Linda Sue Park
Patricia Wrede

Archer's Quest

Dealing with Dragons (or any of the Enchanted Forest Chronicles)

For the first week of school, Fifth Graders are asked to:

1. Read at least three books from the list.
2. Write a letter to the author of one of the books you read. Tell the author about yourself and how this book relates to the challenges you will face as a fifth grade student. Be specific and give details to support your reaction. The letter should be one page in length.
3. Make a cover for your letter that includes a scene from the book.
4. Turn in a list of summer readings signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

SIXTH GRADE

REQUIRED READING

Over Sea under Stone

Susan Cooper

RECOMMENDED READING

Realistic Fiction

Chasing Vermeer & sequels

Blue Balliett

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup

Sharon Creech

My Louisiana Sky

Kimberly Willis Holt

Hatchet (and sequels)

Gary Paulsen

Mysteries in our National Parks (series)

Gloria Skurzynski

Historical Fiction

The Shakespeare Stealer (and sequels)

Gary Blackwood

Homesick, My Own Story

Jean Fritz

A Different Kind of Courage

Ellen Howard

The Thieves of Ostia (any Roman Mysteries series title)

Caroline Lawrence

Kensuke's Kingdom

Michael Morpurgo

Waiting for Anya

Michael Morpurgo

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Scott O'Dell

Island on Bird Street

Uri Orlev

A Single Shard

Linda Sue Park

A Long Way from Chicago

Richard Peck

A Year down Yonder

Richard Peck

The Upstairs Room

Johanna Reiss

The Bronze Bow

Elizabeth George Speare

Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini

Sid Fleishman

The Endless Steppe

Esther Hautzig

The Story of Salt

Mark Kurlansky

Fantasy, Myths, Fables, Folklore

Tuck Everlasting

Natalie Babbitt

The Children's Homer

Padraic Colum

The Trojan War

Olivia Coolidge

The Dark Is Rising (and sequels)

Susan Cooper

Inkspell (and sequel)

Cornelia Funke

The Gammage Cup

Carol Kendall

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

C. S. Lewis

Gilgamesh the Hero

Geraldine McCaughrean

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Trenton Lee Stewart

Odysseus in the Serpent Maze

Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris

For the first week of school, Sixth Graders are asked to:

1. Be prepared to enter into a class discussion of the required reading book, Over Sea under Stone. Write a one page letter to the class about Over Sea under Stone. In this letter, you should:
 - a. Give a detailed explanation of what the story was about.
 - b. Explain your feelings and questions about the story.
 - c. Use proper letter format, grammar, spelling and punctuation.
2. Read at least four books from the Recommended Reading List.
3. Turn in a list of summer readings, signed by parents, including the title and author of each selection.

SEVENTH GRADE

REQUIRED READING

All students must read:

The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt
Shades of Gray

Elizabeth Payne
Carolyn Reeder

RECOMMENDED READING

Watership Down
Fever 1793
Nothing but the Truth
The Moves Make the Man
Revolution is not a Dinner Party
Rodzina
The Outsiders
Journey to the River Sea
Dogsbody
Weedflower
The Jungle Book
Green Glass Sea
Dear Ellen Bee: A Civil War Scrapbook
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life
Beauty
Shackleton's Stowaway
An America Plague: The True and Terrifying Story
of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793
Keys to the Kingdom (series)
Airborn (and sequel)
Project Mulberry
Park's Quest
The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents
Where the Red Fern Grows
Shades of Gray
Time Enough for Drums
After the Dancing Days
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series)
The Witch of Blackbird Pond
The Bartimaeus Trilogy
The Eagle of the Ninth
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Homecoming
Dragonwings (or any Golden Mountain Chronicles)
The Star Fisher

Richard Adams
Laurie Anderson
Avi
Bruce Brooks
Ying Chang Compestine
Karen Cushman
S.E. Hinton
Eva Ibbottson
Diana Wynne Jones
Cynthia Kadohata
Rudyard Kipling
Ellen Klages
Lyons & Branch
Wendy Mass
Robin McKinley
Victoria McKernan
Jim Murphy

Garth Nix
Kenneth Oppel
Linda Sue Park
Katherine Paterson
Terry Pratchett
Wilson Rawls
Carolyn Reeder
Ann Rinaldi
Margaret I. Rostkowski
Rick Riordan
Elizabeth Speare
Jonathan Stroud
Rosemary Sutcliff
Mark Twain
Cynthia Voigt
Laurence Yep
Laurence Yep

For the first week of school, Seventh Graders are asked to:

1. Have read three books from the list – two required and at least one other.
2. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the fiction books. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts and feelings about the book. Prepare one page of **handwritten** notes on The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt.
3. Be prepared to take a test on each of the required books.
4. Be prepared to discuss the required books in class.
5. Turn in a list, signed by parents, of all books read.

EIGHTH GRADE

REQUIRED READING

(All Eighth Graders must read)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
George Washington, Spymaster

Mildred Taylor
Thomas B. Allen

RECOMMENDED READING

Classics

Little Men or Little Women
The Pearl
20,000 Leagues under the Sea

Louisa May Alcott
John Steinbeck
Jules Verne

Contemporary Fiction

Olive's Ocean
Scorpions
Stargirl
Shabanu

Kevin Henkes
Walter Dean Myers
Jerry Spinelli
Suzanne Staples

Historical Fiction

Al Capone Does My Shirts
Johnny Tremain
Jason's Gold
The King's Swift Rider
Hattie Big Sky
Before the Creeks Ran Red
In My Father's House
Under the Blood-Red Sun
The Wednesday Wars
The Land

Gennifer Choldenko
Esther Forbes
Will Hobbs
Mollie Hunter
Kirby Larson
Carolyn Reeder
Ann Rinaldi
Graham Salisbury
Gary D. Schmidt
Mildred Taylor

Nonfiction

The Silent Spring
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of
Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth
Kon Tiki
No Pretty Pictures
Black Diamond: Story of Negro Baseball Leagues
Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America

Rachel Carson
James Cross Giblin
Thor Heyerdahl
Anita Lobel
Patricia McKissack
Jim Murphy

Fantasy and Myth

The Seeing Stone (trilogy)
Warriors (series)
Darkwing
Endymion Spring
First Light
The Sword and the Circle

Kevin Crossley-Holland
Erin Hunter
Kenneth Oppel
Matthew Skelton
Rebecca Stead
Rosemary Sutcliff

For the first week of school, Eighth Graders are asked to:

1. Have read three books—the two required and at least one other book from the recommended list.
2. Turn in a list signed by parents of all books read.
3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the fiction books. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts and feelings about the book. Prepare one page of **handwritten** notes on George Washington, Spymaster.
4. Be prepared to take a test on each of the required books.
5. Be prepared to discuss required books in class.