

CTKCS SUMMER READING 2017

Grade 1- Suggested Reading

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible No Good Day * If You Give a Mouse a Cookie * The Little Engine That Could * Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse * Caps for Sale * Sylvester and the Magic Pebble * Books from the Arthur series by Marc Brown * Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish * and Dr. Seuss Books*

SUGGESTED CATHOLIC: *Acts of the Apostles for Children* by Kieffer/Ponsard** *The Adventures of LouPio* by Kieffer** *The Holy Twins* by DePaola** *Little Acts of Grace* by Gortler/Piscitelli** *Joseph and Chico: The Life of Pope Benedict XVI as Told by a Cat* by Perego

Grade 2 – Suggested Reading

*A Chair for My Mother * Anansi and the Talking Melon * The Art Lesson * Ira Says Goodbye * Officer Buckle and Gloria * Grandfather's Journey*

Arthur series by Marc Brown, *Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel, *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne, *Boxcar Children Mysteries* by Gertrude Warner, *Jake Drake* series by Andrew Clements, *Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald, and the *Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat. Books by Mike Thayer, Steven Kellogg, and Jan Brett.

SUGGESTED CATHOLIC: *The Weight of A Mass* by Nobisso** *Little Nellie of Holy God* by Sister Mary Dominic** *A Child's Guide to Reconciliation, A Child's Guide to First Holy Communion, and A Child's Guide to the Seven Sacraments* by Ficocelli ** and books in the Father Lovasik series – many titles to choose from!

Grade 3 – Required: Choose at least two from the five below (We have listed book level to help with your selection) An Accelerated Reading Test will be required on the selected books.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume (Book level 3.1, ½ point)

One of the *Jigsaw Jones Mysteries* by James Preller (All are AR testable and range from book level 2.8-3.2)

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary (Book level 5.0, 4pts.)

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (Book level 3.4, 1 pt.)

SUGGESTED CATHOLIC: *The Adventures of Sister Philomena, Special Agent to the Pope* series by Dianne Ahern: *Secrets of Sienna, Curse of the Coins, Lost in Peter's Tomb, and Break-In at the Basilica****Catholic Tales for Boys and Girls* by Houselander

Grade 4 - Required to read both titles and AR test on both upon returning to school

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume *Required

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks *Required

SUGGESTED CATHOLIC: *A Book of Angels* by Marigold Hunt** *The First Christians: The Acts of the Apostles for Children* by Marigold Hunt***Encounter the Saints Series* by Pauline Books and Media-many saints to choose from!

Grade 5 - Required to read the following two books

During the first weeks of school, students will be required to take AR tests on both books as well as complete teacher developed assignments and tests.

Brian's Winter (Brian's Saga Series #3) by Gary Paulsen *Required

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell *Required

SUGGESTED CATHOLIC: *Stories of the Child Jesus from Many Lands* by Lutz** *Encounter the Saints Series* by Pauline Books and Media-many saints to choose from!

**** GRADES 6-8 - See Plus Portal for required assignments to be completed over the summer ****

Students must read **3** books before the start of school: **one** Religious selection (for Religion class, **one** Historical Fiction selection (for Social Studies) and **one** student selected novel for Literature class.

1. Religion Book:

6th *Will Wilder Book 1: The Relic of Perilous Falls* by Raymond Arroyo

7th *Vision Books* - Published by Ignatius Press; various authors; Choose a book (within this series) of a saint that you are interested in

8th *He Leadeth Me* by Walter J. Ciszek

2. Social Studies Book:

6th *Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II* by Alan Gratz

7th *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

8th *Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan

3. Literature Novel: (grades 6,7,8)

There is no recommended list of books from which to choose. Students may select the book they want to read. However the following criteria must be applied: parent approval required, must be on grade level, and no graphic novels allowed. There are lots of lists of books for middle schoolers online. And the personnel at Barnes and Noble are knowledgeable and helpful.

The Summer Literature Novel Activity will be posted on Plus Portal. This activity will be introduced in class during the last weeks of school to ensure that each student understands what is expected.