

2023-2024 St. Pius X Elementary Summer Reading Lists

Every summer, our goal is to have students read A LOT!

“Summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year.”¹

Incoming 4th Graders:

Choose one that you haven't already read:

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Class Dismissed by Allan Woodrow

Say What? by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Come to school in August prepared to discuss the book you read.

Incoming 5th graders:

Choose one of the following stories below that you have **not** read previously.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary, Paul O. Zelinsky (illus.)

Frindle by Andrew Clements, Brian Selnick (illus.)

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

The Unteachables by Gordan Korman

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

You will pick one book from the summer reading list above and one book of your own interest to read for the summer. After completing each story, you will write a paragraph (5 sentences each) summary on the story that you have read. Your summary should include the main characters, setting, main conflict, and the resolution.

You will have a total of two paragraphs that you will be turning in. The paragraph summaries you complete for each story will be due in class on the first day of school.

Incoming 6th graders:

Choose one of the following books to read. It should be one that you have **not** read in a previous class.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Write a brief (one-three paragraph) summary of the book you read. A 6th grade level summary introduces the main character(s) and the major conflict in the story. It summarizes the important events from the beginning, middle and end of the story. Paragraphs must be at least 5 sentences in length. Your summary will be due in class on the first day of school.

Incoming 7th and 8th graders:

Read at least one book of your choice this summer.

Come to school prepared to discuss and write about the book you read.

*Although the majority of these books are recommended by the American Library Association, we encourage parents and students to investigate and discuss book options together to make appropriate choices.

¹ <https://study.com/blog/why-is-summer-reading-so-important-for-kids-success.html>