

Summer Reading Ideas from your St. Mark School Library

2023 Required Summer Reading

Rising 3rd graders: Three free choice books

Rising 4th graders: Three free choice books

Rising 5th graders: *No Talking* by Andrew Clements & one free choice book

Rising 6th graders: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang and one free choice book. Be prepared to take an AR test on *Front Desk* and do a classwork assignment on your free choice. You will complete a summer reading log with your free choice book and any other books you read.

Rising 7th graders: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang and one free choice book. Be prepared to take an AR test on *Front Desk* and do a classwork assignment on your free choice. You will complete a summer reading log with your free choice book and any other books you read.

Rising 8th graders: *Fort* by Gordan Korman and one free choice book. Be prepared to take an AR test on *Front Desk* and do a classwork assignment on your free choice. You will complete a summer reading log with your free choice book and any other books you read.

Summer reading is very important! Students who love to read will see success in school. This begins at home where students are encouraged to read, their parents set an example of reading in front of them, and their parents read aloud to them. Becoming a good reader takes practice. Offer your children quiet times and good places to enjoy reading. Read aloud to them on a regular basis: students whose parents do so perform better on standardized test, have larger vocabularies, and find more success in all subjects.

1. Visit your local public library often. Join their summer reading club and earn prizes. They have everything from story times, magicians, and animal visitors for the younger. They will also have Lego days and STEM programming.
2. Bluebonnet books. The Bluebonnet program is a program in Texas for rising 3rd-6th graders that St. Mark takes part. The public library will have the books available, and all of our students will be given a bookmark with all the titles so they can keep track of what they read over the summer.
3. Lone Star books. The Lone Star program is a program in Texas for rising 6th-8th graders. The public library will have the books available.
4. Barnes & Noble and Half-Price Books also have summer reading programs where prizes can be earned for books read.

Book idea/reviews, by age and category

A Book and a Hug:

<http://abookandhug.com/index.php>

Children's Book Council

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

Hedgehog books:

<http://www.hedgehogbooks.com/>

Bookhive:

<http://www.bookhive.org/bookhive/>

Read Kiddo Read:	http://www.readkiddoread.com/
ALA Notable Children's Books:	http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/nbc
Common Sense Media:	http://www.common sense media.org/reviews/category/book
Texas Bluebonnet Award:	http://www.txla.org/sites/tla/files/group/TBA/2019
Texas Lone Star Award:	http://www.txla.org
Goodreads:	http://www.goodreads.com
Kirkus Review:	http://www.kirkusreview.com
Scholastic Summer Reading	http://www.scholastic.com/summer

Books in a Series/What to Read Next

Juvenile Series & Sequels: <http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series>
What kind of a Superhero reader are you?: <http://abookandahug.com/reader-assessment>