

Why is summer reading important?

Summer reading is crucial for elementary-aged students as it helps maintain and even improve their reading skills during the break, preventing the "summer slide." Engaging with books over the summer nurtures a lifelong love of reading, fosters imagination, and expands vocabulary. It also enhances critical thinking and comprehension skills, which are essential for academic success across all subjects. Additionally, summer reading provides a productive and enjoyable way for children to spend their free time, keeping their minds active and curious.

Incoming 4th Grade Summer Cereal Box Book Report

Supplies Needed:

- 1 empty cereal box
 - Paper, crayons, markers, glue
 - A fiction book of your choice (at your reading level)
 - Your imagination!
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Overview

This summer, you'll read **one fiction book (at the appropriate reading level and approved by an adult)** and turn an empty cereal box into a creative book report! You will decorate the box to reflect your book's story, characters, and message. You'll also connect the story to a **Catholic value or teaching**. All writing should be typed or written in neat handwriting. The project should be colorful and creative!

What Goes on Each Side of the Cereal Box:

Front of the Box:

- Invent a name for your cereal that connects to your book
- Include the **book title** and **author**
- Draw a picture of the **main character** or an important scene
- Add a slogan or tagline (example: "*A spoonful of friendship in every bite!*")

Back of the Box:

- **Book Summary (6–7 sentences)**

Write a short summary of the book in your own words. Include:

- Main characters
- Setting
- The main conflict in the book and the resolution
- How the story ended

Left Side of the Box:

- **Character Reflection (5–6 sentences)**

Choose one main character and write about:

- 3 character traits this character has
- A conflict they faced
- How they changed from the beginning of the book to the end
- Would you want to be friends with them? Why or why not?

Right Side of the Box:

- **Catholic Connection (4–5 sentences)**

How does this book connect to your Catholic faith?

Examples:

- A character forgives someone
- A lesson about honesty, kindness, or doing the right thing
- A connection to something Jesus taught or a Saint

Top of the Box:

- Student Name
- Incoming Grade: 4
- Date
- Title of Book

Inside the Box:

Include a small item or drawing that represents something important from the book (example: a pretend letter from one of the characters, map, or important object or symbol).