

# **VILLA MADONNA SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2025-2026**

## **Second Grade Entering Third Grade**

### **REQUIRED READING:**

Students are required to read one book over the summer. Choose one of the required books below, Freckle Juice or Tornado. The other books listed are suggestions for possible nonfiction books within your child's AR level. (B.L. refers to book level and AR pts refers to the number of AR points per book)

**\*Required Reading Option 1:** Freckle Juice by Judy Blume 2014 (Fiction)

B.L. 3.1 AR Pts: 0.5

Grape juice, vinegar, mustard...see what happens when a little boy will do anything to get freckles! A hilarious story about learning to love yourself.

**\*Required Reading Option 2:** Tornado by Betsy Byars (Fiction)

B.L. 3.2 AR Pts: 1.0

A story for dog lovers! Follow the incredible life story of a dog named Tornado told by his family as they take shelter in a cellar during a tornado.

Students will be required to take an AR quiz, complete an in class project or writing assignment within the first weeks of school on their required book choice.

(You may also take AR tests on any of the non-fiction and fiction books you choose to read over the summer. Please be aware of your reading level and choose books that will challenge you and help you grow as a reader. Use [arbookfind.com](http://arbookfind.com).)

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### **Nonfiction Suggestions:**

**Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover**

Markus Motum 2018

This story is told from the point of view of Curiosity, a rover that landed on Mars in 2012, as it guides readers through its journey on the red planet firsthand. Curiosity's mission is to discover more about Mars and search for evidence of life.

Level 5.8      0.5 AR points

**Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist**

Jess Keating 2017

This is the story of a woman who devoted her life to learning about sharks. At a young age, Eugenie became fascinated with sharks and learned everything she could about the graceful creatures. Eugenie dared to show the world that sharks were to be admired rather than feared.

Level 3.9          0.5 AR Points

### **Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix**

Jacqueline Briggs Martin 2017

This is the story of Roy Choi, a Korean American chef, who calls himself a “street cook.” Learn how Chef Roy Choi infuses love and Korean culture into the food he serves on the streets of Los Angeles.

Level 4.0          0.5 AR points

### **Ruby Bridges Goes To School: My True Story**

Ruby Bridges 2009

The autobiography of Ruby Bridges, a little girl who became the first African American to attend an all-white school in New Orleans.

Level 2.5          0.5 AR points

### **Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares**

Frank Murphy 2009

Learn how Benjamin Franklin, inventor, writer, and scientist, created a puzzle called the magic square to keep from being bored while serving as clerk for the Pennsylvania Assembly. Included are step-by-step instructions for creating your own magic squares.

Level 3.7          0.5 AR Points

### **Up in the Leaves: The True Story of the Central Park Treehouses**

Shira Boss 2018

This is the true story of Bob Redman, a kid in New York, who never felt at home in the city. He began building and then rebuilding tree houses in Central Park even after they were torn down. His love for trees continues on a real life adventure.

Level 3.2          0.5 AR Points