

Summer Reading Ideas 2009

Our Lady of Sorrows School

Make reading as central to your summer as going to the pool, eating ice cream, and sleeping late. Children build their vocabulary and imagination from listening to stories (see back) and reading independently. Plus, reading is fun!

This summer, 2nd grade students will be **required** to read **one** selected book and complete a book report form available on the following web site:

<http://www.olsschool.com>

Required Reading for 2nd grade

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat -- Pancake-eating detective Nate solves the mystery of a missing picture. What clues close the case?

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish -- Lovable Amelia Bedelia just can't get anything straight. It's her first day on the job and Mrs. Rodgers has left her a list of things to do. How can she get so mixed up?

Hey, New Kid by Betsy Duffey -- Third-grader Cody dreads his first day at a new school and worries about making friends. Join Cody as he recreates himself hoping to impress his classmates.

Amber Brown is Not a Crayon by Paula Danziger -- Amber Brown and Justin Daniels have been best friends practically forever. Between building a giant chewing gum ball, sitting beside each other in class, and helping each other with problems, they are an amazing team. What happens when Justin has to move away?

Authors to Enjoy

Tony Abbott
David Adler
Avi
Judy Blume
Betsy Byars
Ann Cameron
Denys Cazet
Beverly Cleary
Andrew Clements
Debbie Dadey
Roald Dahl
Paula Danziger
Kate DiCamillo
Betsy Duffey
Patricia Reilly Giff
Stephanie Greene

Dan Gutman
Polly Horvath
James Howe
Johanna Hurwitz
Dick King-Smith
Katy Kelly
Suzy Kline
Gail Carson Levine
Lois Lowry
Patricia MacLachlan
Megan McDonald
K. H. McMullan
Marissa Moss
Laurie Myers
Diana Napoli
Phyllis Naylor

Mary Pope Osborne
Linda Sue Park
Sara Pennypacker
Jack Prelutsky
Barbara Park
Ron Roy
Cynthia Rylant
Louis Sachar
Jon Scieszka
Barbara Seuling
Shel Silverstein
Donald J. Sobol
Wendelin Van Draanen
G.C. Warner
E.B. White
Jane Yolen

Great Family Read - Alouds

Mrs. Blair suggests these literary adventures for your summer vacation!

Book of a Thousand Days by Shannon Hale

Remember the maiden locked away in a tower for refusing to marry a man she hates? Hale re-imagines the story through the diary of Lady Saren's maid Dashti. Two suitors show up, one beloved and the other despised. Impersonating her traumatized mistress, Dashti finds herself torn between duty and love.

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

A stranger steps forward with a free ticket to ride the London Eye, an observation ferris wheel. Salim takes it, leaves behind his cousins Ted and Kat, enters the ride, but doesn't get off. Where is he? Follow this page turner in which our two sleuths, Ted with his encyclopedic brain, and Kat with her keen intuition, find their answer.

Miss Spitfire: reaching Helen Keller by Sarah Miller

"It's up to me to show Helen that communication between people exists at all." So Annie Sullivan speaks of her famous pupil, Helen Keller. Drawing from Sullivan's letters, Miller introduces us to Annie Sullivan from the long train ride to Alabama to Helen's first words at the water pump, to the miraculous relationship that develops.

The Ranger's Apprentice series by John Flanagan

Do you like Star Wars, Arthurian legends, Lord of the Rings? You'll like **The Ruins of Gorland**. Will, a ward of Castle Redmont, becomes a Ranger's apprentice (think Jedi knight), learning the secretive skills of this stealth corps. Meanwhile an evil warlord and his followers plan to attack the kingdom.

The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson

With World War II underway and threatening air raids in London, Tally's father sends her to the safety of Delderton, a quirky boarding school in the country. Eleven-year-old Tally forms a dancing troupe to go to an international folk-dancing festival in Bergania where the king is refusing Hitler's demands to occupy the kingdom. Friendship, murder, smuggling, isolation and reunion unfold in this enthralling story.

The Leanin' Dog by K.A. Nuzum

Every summer needs a good dog book. Dessa Dean is now in the deep of winter after having lost her mother in a winter storm. Along comes a dog who needs a friend as much as Dessa Dean.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey

Mr. Benedict gathers together a group of "gifted children looking for special opportunities" to decipher clues and stop villainy. Action, puzzles, traps, villains, tests, perils...these adventure books connect the dots!

Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series) by Rick Riordan

When Percy Jackson learns that he is the modern-day, half-blood son of a Greek god, his life becomes a fantastic quest to save the world. Full of action, adventure, and Greek mythology, the last book came out in May!