

# 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) as well as reading independently. Happy reading! Mrs. Blair*

This summer students 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3rd grade (choose one)

**Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume -- Nicky has millions of freckles. Andrew wants freckles to hide dirt on his neck from his mother's eyes. Then, know-it-all Sharon comes up with a solution: for fifty cents, she'll give Andrew a secret freckle juice recipe. Read this funny story and see what happens.

**Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner -- Ten-year-old Willie needs \$500 to pay the tax collector and keep his grandfather's farm in Wyoming. When he sees the poster for the National Dogsled Race, he knows he must enter. Follow this exciting race and see who wins.

**Clementine** by Sara Pennypacker -- Eight-year-old Clementine is one of a kind. She'll remind you of Judy Moody and Junie B. Jones. First, she gives Margaret a major haircut. Then, she gives herself one. What will she think of next?

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8** by Beverly Cleary--A Newbery award winner, this book's themes connect with third graders and their perception of teachers, school bullies, and the ups and downs of family life. Ramona's life is never dull!

### 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  
Cornelia Funke

Patricia Reilly Giff  
Stephanie Greene  
Dan Gutman  
James Howe  
Johanna Hurwitz  
Dick King-Smith  
Suzy Kline  
Arnold Lobel  
Lois Lowry  
Patricia MacLachlan  
Megan McDonald  
K. H. McMullan  
Marissa Moss  
Laurie Myers  
Diana Napoli

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Mary Pope Osborne  
Linda Sue Park  
Sara Pennypacker  
Barbara Park  
Daniel Pinkwater  
Ron Roy  
Cynthia Rylant  
Louis Sachar  
Jon Scieszka  
Wendelin Van Draanen  
Rich Wallace  
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

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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!