

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, 4th grade students will be **required** to read **one** selected book and complete a book report form available on the school website. Go back to the Summer Reading link on the school website and click on the title of the book for which you need a book report form.

Required Reading for 4th grade (choose one)

Poppy by Avi

Avi spins a fantasy tale in Dimwood Forest in which Poppy, a young deer mouse, faces cruel Mr. Ocax, a bullying horned owl, and finds his courage to help his mouse clan (first of a great series)

A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith

Wolf is short for classical composer Wolfgang Mozart and a most unusual name for a little mouse. Wolf discovers his name fits as he shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist.

Authors to Enjoy

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| Louise Arnold | Cornelia Funke | Mike Lupica |
| Avi | | Hillary McKay |
| E.D. Baker | | Laurie Myers |
| Blue Balliett | Jack Gantos | Diana Napoli |
| Marion Dane Bauer | Peggy Gifford | |
| Betsy Byars | Dan Gutman | |
| Beverly Cleary | Margaret P. Haddix | Phyllis Reynolds Naylor |
| Andrew Clements | Virginia Hamilton | Scott O'Dell |
| Suzanne Collins | Karen Hesse | Mary Pope Osborne |
| Susan Cooper | Brian Jacques | Linda Sue Park |
| Sharon Creech | Carolyn Keene | Katherine Patterson |
| Christopher Curtis | Peg Kehret | Gary Paulsen |
| Roald Dahl | Katy Kelly | Sara Pennypacker |
| Kate DiCamillo | E.L. Konigsburg | Rick Riordan |
| C. B. Divakaruni | Gordon Korman | Emily Rodda |
| Frank Dixon | Madeline L'Engle | Ron Roy |
| Linda Ellerbee | Gail Carson Levine | Louis Sachar |
| John Erickson | C.S. Lewis | Lemony Snicket |
| John Feinstein | Lois Lowry | Zilpha K. Snyder |

Elizabeth G. Speare
Jerry Spinelli
Wendelin Van Draanen
Elvira Woodruff
Betty Ren Wright
Lisa Yee
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!