

Summer 2023

Dear St. Francis Xavier School Families,

Now that summer vacation is almost here, students will have lots of extra time to read some great books. In order to encourage reading, I have helped the 4th – 8th grade Language Arts teachers select required summer reading for students entering those grades (students should read off the list of the grade they are going into). Students should complete their reading by the time school begins in August. Students younger than 4th grade do not have required reading, but of course we hope they read lots of books in the coming months. Resources to help them do this are below.

A great place to get inspired is your public library. All SFX students have been encouraged to participate in local reading programs.

Looking for additional book suggestions? Here are some of my favorite resources:

- Imagination Soup ([Click here](#)). This website allows you to browse books by age and genre. The lists and suggestions are endless. I highly recommend it!
- Brightly ([Click here](#)) offers great articles about encouraging good reading habits, as well as book suggestions.
- The Naperville Public Library ([Click here](#)) has compiled a wide array of book recommendation lists.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer vacation.
We Pray, We Learn, We Serve, We Read!

Mrs. Katie Filbin
St. Francis Xavier School Librarian

REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR GRADES 4-8
St. Francis Xavier School 2023

Please read from the list that you will be entering during the 2023-24 school year. Reading should be completed by the first day of school.

4th Grade

Choose 1 book from the list below.

[The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street](#) by Karina Yan Glaser

[The Lemonade War](#) by Jacqueline Davis

[Frindle](#) by Andrew Clements

[Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing](#) by Judy Blume

5th Grade

Choose 1 book from the list below.

[The Amelia Six: An Amelia Earhart Mystery](#) by Kristin Gray

[Song for a Whale](#) by Lynne Kelly

[The Last Human](#) by Lee Bacon

[Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio

[Framed](#) by James Ponti

[The Book Scavenger](#) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

[Escape from a Video Game: The Secret of Phantom Island](#) by Dustin Brady

6th Grade

Choose 1 book from the list below.

**on the 2023-24 Rebecca Caudill Award List

[City Spies](#) ** by James Ponti

[Daughter of the Deep](#)** by Rick Riordan

[Scratch Scratch](#) by Lindsay Currie

[Al Capone Does My Shirts](#) by Gennifer Choldenko

[Holes](#) by Louis Sachar

[The War that Saved My Life](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

[Roll With It](#) by Jamie Sumner

7th Grade

Choose 1 book from the list below PLUS 1 additional book of your choice (may be any genre as long as you have not read it before).

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[City Spies](#) ** by James Ponti

[Daughter of the Deep](#)** by Rick Riordan

[Alone](#)** by Megan Freeman

[Scratch Scratch](#) by Lindsay Currie

[Song for a Whale](#) by Lynne Kelly

[Lines of Courage](#) by Jennifer Nielsen

[Counting by 7s](#) by Holly Goldberg Sloan

[The VanGogh Deception](#) by Deron Hicks

8th Grade

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[Alone](#)** by Megan Freeman

[City Spies](#) ** by James Ponti

[Daughter of the Deep](#)** by Rick Riordan

[Scratch Scratch](#) by Lindsay Currie

[Esperanza Rising](#) by Pam Munoz Ryan

[Code Talker](#) by Joseph Bruchac

[Resistance](#) by Jennifer Nielsen

[The VanGogh Deception](#) by Deron Hicks