

Immaculate Conception School

Fourth and Fifth Grades Summer, 2011 Reading List

For the 2011/12 School Year

Reading over the summer months is shown to improve comprehension and test scores as well as to help children avoid the summer brain drain. To this end, students are encouraged to read, and read, and read some more!

All students in fourth through eighth grades will be required to read over the summer. This document has been created to help students, and parents, choose books which stimulate interest in reading as well as maintain, and possibly extend, students' comprehension and critical thinking skills.

While all of these books are great reads, parents are encouraged to choose each book with their children as well as conduct internet searches to be sure the book is right for the child.

All students will be required to do two different types of reading this summer. The table below shows the **REQUIRED READING BOOKS** for each grade level. Additionally, students will be required to read **INDEPENDENT BOOKS**, which should be chosen from the attached lists.

Students are welcome to read books not included in the attached lists, **but they will not count toward summer reading requirements.**

Grade Level	Required Reading	# of Independent Reading Books	Total # of Books to Read
4 th	<u>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</u> by Robert C. O'Brien	2 Books <i>At least...but please feel free to read more!</i>	3 Books Total
5 th	<u>Hoot</u> by Carl Hiaasen	2 Books <i>At least...but please feel free to read more!</i>	3 Books Total

After reading each book, students must fill out a 5" x 7" note-card with the following:

Front Side:

- WHO: Who are the main characters and what are they like? (character)
- WHERE: Where does the story take place and in what time? (setting)
- WHAT: What happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story? (plot)
- WHY: Why is this story important? What makes it worth reading? (theme)

Back Side:

Write a few sentences recommending or not recommending this book. Be sure to explain **WHY** someone should or should not read this book!

*****Place the 5" x 7" note-card inside the book once you have completed reading it and have completed the note-card requirements and it will be ready for you to bring to school and to reference in August.*****

Summer Reading Required List

Book Title	Author	Lexile	
<u>100 Cupboards</u>	N. D. Wilson	650L	
<u>A Long Way from Chicago</u>	Richard Peck	750L	
<u>A Year Down Yonder</u>	Richard Peck	610L	
<u>Al Capone Does My Shirts</u>	Gennifer Choldenko	600L	
<u>Basil of Baker Street</u>	Eve Titus	730L	
<u>Because of Winn-Dixie</u>	Kate DiCamillo	610L	
<u>Best Christmas Pageant Ever</u>	Barbara Robinson	930L	
<u>Black Diamond</u>	Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack	1100L	
<u>Bridge of Terabithia</u>	Katherine Paterson	810L	
<u>Chasing Vermeer</u>	Blue Balliett	770L	
<u>Code Talker</u>	Joseph Bruchac	910L	
<u>Daisy and the Girl Scouts</u>	Fern Brown	950L	
<u>Frindle</u>	Andrew Clements	830L	
<u>George Washington's Socks</u>	Elvira Woodruff	840L	
<u>Ginger Pye</u>	Eleanor Estes	990L	
<u>Holes</u>	Louis Sachar	660L	
<u>Hunger Games</u>	Suzanne Collins	810L	
<u>Ida B</u>	Katherine Hannigan	970L	
<u>My Side of the Mountain</u>	Jean Craighead George	810L	
<u>On My Honor</u>	Marion Dane Bauer	750L	
<u>Pictures of Hollis Woods</u>	Patricia Reilly Giff	650L	
<u>Riding Freedom</u>	Pam Nunez Ryan	720L	
<u>Roanoke: The Lost Colony</u>	Heidi Elisabet Yolen	850L	
<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u>	Mildred D. Taylor	920L	

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<u>Shiloh</u>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	890L	
<u>Sixty-eight Rooms</u>	Marianne Malone	730L	
<u>Stuart Little</u>	E. B. White	920L	
<u>The Black Stallion</u>	Walter Farley	930L	
<u>The Borrowers</u>	Beth Krush and Joe Krush	780L	
<u>The Champ: The Story of Muhammad Ali</u>	Tonya Bolden	820L	
<u>A Cricket in Times Square</u>	George Selden	780L	
<u>The Great Gilly Hopkins</u>	Katherine Paterson	800L	
<u>The Indian in the Cupboard</u>	Lynne Reid Banks	780L	
<u>The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</u>	E.L. Konigsburg	700L	
<u>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</u>	Beverly Cleary	860L	
<u>The Report Card</u>	Andrew Clements	700L	
<u>The Sign of the Beaver</u>	Elizabeth George Speare	770L	
<u>The Tiger Rising</u>	Kate DiCamillo	520L	
<u>The Trumpet of the Swan</u>	E.B. White	750L	
<u>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</u>	John Grisham	790L	
<u>Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?</u>	Jean Fritz	970L	
<u>Yellow Star</u>	Jennifer Roy	710L	
<u>The Black Pearl</u>	Scott O'Dell	980L	
<u>Hatchet</u>	Gary Paulsen	1020L	
<u>The Hobbit</u>	J.R.R. Tolkien	1000L	
<u>Walk Two Moons</u>	Sharon Creech	770L	
<u>The Witches</u>	Roald Dahl	740L	

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<u>Matilda</u>	Roald Dahl	840L	
<u>Wringer</u>	Jerry Spinelli	690L	
<u>Dragon Rider</u>	Cornelia Funke	710L	
<u>Sideways Stories From Wayside School</u>	Louis Sachar	490L	
<u>Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School</u>	Louis Sachar	670L	
<u>More Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School</u>	Louis Sachar	630L	
<u>The Penderwicks (Any book in the series)</u>	Jeanne Birdsall	800L	
<u>Fantastic Mr. Fox</u>	Roald Dahl	600L	
<u>The Dragonlayers</u>	Bruce Coville	680L	
<u>A Ghost in the Family</u>	Betty Ren Wright	660L	
<u>The Fish in Room 11</u>	Heather Dyer	780L	
<u>Ibby's Magic Weekend</u>	Heather Dyer	670L	
<u>The Iron Giant</u>	Ted Hughes	770L	
<u>The Dragon in the Sock Drawer</u>	Kate Klimo	680L	
<u>Knights of the Kitchen Table</u>	Jon Scieszka	630L	
<u>Fig Pudding</u>	Ralph Fletcher	620L	

Fantasy Series:*Bobby Pendragon**Charlie Bone and the Magician Series**How to Train your Dragon Series**Percy Jackson Series***Mystery Series:***Nancy Drew Series**Hardy Boys Series*