

INCOMING FIFTH GRADE

Aestas - Summer Reading

Reading is an integral part of cultivating a love of learning. At Agathos, students read widely during the school year, and our vision is for students to develop lifelong reading habits. With that in mind, we expect students to invest time during the summer reading good books.

Summer reading expectations vary by grade level. Our incoming K - 2nd graders are expected to read daily from a suggested reading list, but no formal report is required. Our incoming 3rd through 8th graders are expected to read two books from their respective grade level list and *complete one book report form for each book*. A printed copy of your student's summer reading list and forms are included; these may also be accessed through the Blackbaud site under resources.

Please encourage your student to pay careful attention to the instructions for his or her grade level. These lists have been curated to be grade specific providing bridges between grade levels. Book report forms specific to each grade level are provided at the end of each incoming 3rd - 8th grade packet. This template provides appropriate structure for each grade level which means they are not interchangeable.

We expect all 3rd - 8th grade returning students to arrive the first day of school with their summer reading completed. Submission of the book reports on the first day of school shall result in a literature completion grade of 100%. Students who do not submit Aestas - Summer Reading on the first day of school will receive one additional day without penalty to submit the forms. After the second day, the report grade will be deducted by 10% per each day the work is late. After three additional days, a zero will be given.

REQUIRED READING FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Story of George Washington Carver by Eva Moore ISBN 978-0-590-42660-2
Briefly retells the life of the famous scientist, George Washington Carver.

AND

**All students are required to read
ONE additional book from this list**

Harriet The Spy by Louise Fitzhugh ISBN 978-0-440-41679-1

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

Brown Sunshine of Sawdust Valley by Marguerite Henry

ISBN 978-0-689-80779-4

Molly wants a horse of her own, but when her father's mare gives birth to a mule, Molly changes her mind and raises the newborn.

Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry

ISBN 978-1-41692-785-3

An unusual work horse raised in Vermont and known originally as "Little Bub" becomes the sire of a famous American breed and takes the name of his owner, Justin Morgan.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse ISBN 978-0-590-37125-4

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

The Horse and His Boy Book # 3 by C. S. Lewis ISBN 978-0-06-440940-7

A boy and a talking horse share an adventurous and dangerous journey to Narnia to warn of invading barbarians.

Prince Caspian Book # 4 by C. S. Lewis ISBN 978-0-06-447105-3

Four children help Prince Caspian and his army of Talking Beasts to free Narnia from evil.

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader Book #5 by C. S. Lewis

ISBN 978-0-06-447107-7

Lucy and Edmund, accompanied by their peevish cousin Eustace, sail to the land of Narnia where Eustace is temporarily transformed into a green dragon because of his selfish behavior and skepticism.

The Silver Chair Book #6 by C. S. Lewis ISBN 978-0-06-440945-2

Two English children undergo hair-raising adventures as they go on a search and rescue mission for the missing Prince Rilian, who is held captive in the underground kingdom of the Emerald Witch.

The Last Battle Book #7 by C. S. Lewis ISBN 978-0-06-447108-4

When evil comes to Narnia, Jill and Eustace help to fight the great last battle and Aslan leads his people to a glorious new paradise.

Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan ISBN 978-0-14-240224-5

In 1940, when the Nazi invasion of Norway reaches their village in the far north, twelve-year-old Peter and his friends use their sleds to transport nine million dollars worth of gold bullion past the German soldiers to the secret harbor where Peter's uncle keeps his ship ready to take the gold for safekeeping in the United States.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

ISBN 978-0-689-71068-1

With nowhere else to turn, a field mouse asks the clever escaped lab rats living under the rosebush to help save her son, who lies in the path of the farmer's tractor, too ill to be moved.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen ISBN 978-1-41693-646-6

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories by Richard Peck

ISBN 978-0-14-240110-1

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy by Wilson Rawls

ISBN 978-0-553-27429-5

The adventures of a ten-year-old boy and the two dogs he bought with money he had earned.