

INCOMING THIRD 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.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:

Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan ISBN 978-0-06-239952-6

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

Abel's Island by William Steig ISBN 978-0-312-37143-2

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

Stuart Little by E. B. White ISBN 978-0-06-440056-5

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

AND

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

The BFG by Roald Dahl ISBN 978-0-14-241038-7

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl ISBN 978-0-14-241034-9

Three farmers, each one meaner than the next, try all-out warfare to get rid of Mr. Fox and his family.

The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl ISBN 978-0-14-241384-5

A small boy with a desire to own a candy shop meets a window-washing team composed of a giraffe, a pelican, and a monkey and together they go to work for the wealthy Duke of Hampshire, who makes all their dreams come true.

Caleb's Story by Patricia MacLachlan ISBN 978-0-06-440590-4

The stranger lurking on the Witting family's prairie farm turns out to be their long-lost grandfather, whose presence plus prodding from Sarah forces Jacob to deal with his past.

Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith ISBN 978-0-14-240596-6

From eating too much chocolate, Henry breaks out in brown bumps that help him foil some hijackers and teach him a valuable lesson about self-indulgence.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater ISBN 0-316-05843-2

Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but before he knows it there are twelve.

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond ISBN 978-0-06-242275-0

Life is never the same for the Brown family after they bring adventurous Paddington Bear into their home.

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary ISBN 978-0-380-71087-4

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.

Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary ISBN 978-0-380-70912-0

When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.

Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen ISBN 978-0-06-287094-0

Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman ISBN 978-0-06-052122-6

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis ISBN 978-0-14-240702-8

Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with them leads him to intercede with his mother, who wants to toss out all her old things.

Trouble for Lucy by Carla Stevens ISBN 978-0-89919-523-0

As she and her family travel the Oregon Trail in 1843, Lucy's puppies persist in creating trouble.