

INCOMING FOURTH 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:

Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography by William Anderson

ISBN 978-0-06-088552-6

A biography of the writer whose pioneer life on the American prairie became the basis for her "Little House" books.

Abraham Lincoln: the Great Emancipator by Augusta Stevenson

ISBN 978-0-02-042030-9

Abe Lincoln, frontier boy. A childhood biography of Abraham Lincoln, discussing his education, his role models, and the influences on the life of the boy who grew up to be the president of the United States during the Civil War.

Journey to the Bottomless Pit: the story of Stephen Bishop and Mammoth Cave
by Elizabeth Mitchell ISBN 978-1-50405-769-1

In 1838, as the nation struggles with issues of slavery, seventeen-year-old Stephen Bishop serves his master as a guide in Kentucky's Mammoth Cave and spends his free time exploring and discovering new passages and rooms.

AND

All students are required to read ONE additional book
from any of the books on this list:

The Fighting Ground by AVI

ISBN 978-1-41314-472-7 (originally 978-0-06-440185-2)

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

Kneeknock Rise by Natalie Babbitt ISBN 978-0-312-37009-1

From the moment young Egan arrives in Instep, he senses the spell cast over the villagers by the Megrimum--the mysterious something that lurks on the mist-wreathed peak of Kneeknock Rise and soon he is climbing the peak for answers.

Frindle by Andrew Clements ISBN 978-0-689-81876-9

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl ISBN 978-0-14-751295-6

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Matilda by Roald Dahl ISBN 978-0-14-240253-5

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo ISBN 978-0-7636-8086-2

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo ISBN 978-0-7636-8089-3

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Bull Run by Paul Fleischman ISBN 978-0-06-440588-1

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

Gentle Ben by Walt Morey

ISBN 978-1-41314-493-2 (originally 978-0-14-036035-6)

Traces the friendship between a boy and a bear in the rugged Alaskan Territory.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor ISBN 978-0-689-83582-7

Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Loser by Jerry Spinelli ISBN 378-0-06-054074-6

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams ISBN 978-1-944686-46-8

By the time the velveteen rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic called Real.

100 Cupboards by Nathan D Wilson ISBN 978-0-375-83882-8

Twelve-year-old Henry York and his cousin Henrietta discover 100 hidden portals to other worlds in the bedroom wall of his aunt and uncle's house.