

June 17, 2010

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Families:

As we close out the 2009-2010 school year, we are busily preparing for your children for their return to school on August 30, 2010. To assist the students in being ready for the first day, we have decided to institute "required summer reading" for our students entering grades second through eighth. Summer reading provides an excellent opportunity for students to stay connected to literature and to enhance literacy skills developed throughout the school year. Studies show that reading for enjoyment is a practice that helps children increase their vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Your child's teachers for the upcoming school year have closely examined the language arts curriculum and compiled a list of books that they are asking your child to read during the summer. These books will be discussed at the beginning of the school year. Enclosed, you will find a list of books that your child is expected to have read throughout the summer. In some grade levels, there are further assignments that will be given for each of the readings. Students who receive intensive instructional support services have been given assignments that are instructionally appropriate.

The teachers have made every attempt to include literature that can be found at the local public library. It is not necessary to have individual copies; this is optional this first year. Some books may be downloadable for your electronic device.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this initiative. We look forward to a relaxing rewarding summer, and one that is brimming with books!

May God continue to bless you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D.  
Principal

Enclosure

*Holy Name of Jesus School*

**Required Summer Reading**

**2010**

The required readings below are for students who are entering the grade listed.

**Grade 2**

The following books are required reading for students entering second grade:

*The Mixed Up Chameleon* by Eric Carl

*Iris and Walter* by Alyssa Haden Guest

*Henry and Mudge the First Book* by Cynthia Rylant

Other books that you may want to consider reading for the summer include:

Eric Carl books

Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel

Henry and Mudge series

Iris and Walter series by Alyssa Haden Guest

Gail Gibbons series \*non-fiction\*

**Grade 3**

Students entering third grade are required to read the following books:

*Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown

*Mrs. Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney

*The Stories Julian Tells* by Anne Cameron

**Grade 4**

Students entering fourth grade are required to read the following books:

*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate Dicamillo

*Lewis and Clark and Me* by Laurie Myers

**Grade 5**

Students entering fifth grade are required to read:

*Frindle* by Andrew Clements

Students may **choose two** more books from the list below:

*Code Talkers* by Joseph Brachac

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid

*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

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## **Grade 6**

The following books are required readings for students entering sixth grade:

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

## **Grade 7**

Students entering grade seven **must read** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

Students must also read two more books from the choices below and complete a novel review sheet that is enclosed. The sheet must be signed by a parent and returned on the first day of school.

*Kidnapped* by Robert Lewis Stevenson

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle

*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M.Montgomery

*Souder* by William Armstrong

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*From the Mixed-up Files of Basil E. Frankweiler* by e.L. Koningsburg

*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

*Who Moved My Cheese for Teenagers* by Dr. Spencer Johnson

*The Outsiders* by S.E.Hinton

## **Grade 8**

Students in eighth grade must read the books listed below and be prepared to discuss them on the first day.

*Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps* by Andrea Warren

*The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Emmuska Orczy

*The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells