

**Saint Joseph School
Crescent Springs, KY
Required Summer Reading Books and Activities**

Entering Grades 1-3 Note: Students will read both books.

- Grade 1** *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes
 Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin
 Note: Most incoming first grade students will not be able to read the books listed. Parents are asked to read the books to their child so that the child is familiar with the story.
- Grade 2** *Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat* by Cynthia Rylant
 Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin
- Grade 3** Read one book from the *My Weird School Series* by Dan Gutman
 Read one book from the *Cam Jansen Series* by David Adler

Students entering Grade 4 will choose one book from the *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis and one from the list of fantasy books below. Choose from:

The Sasquatch Escape by Suzanne Selfors
Phoebe and Her Unicorn by Dana Simpson (Or any other of the four “*Unicorn*” Books that she has written in that series)
Fortunately, The Milk by Neil Gaiman (or any book from the *Big Nate* chapter Book series by Lincoln Pierce)
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Students entering Grade 4 will read a total of 2 books.

Students Entering Grade 5 will choose one book from the *Who Was? What Was? Where Is?* series. If you’re not sure what they are, check out whowasbookseries.com. Students will also choose one of the following books:

Magic Marks The Spot (Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates)
By Caroline Carson
Moo by Sharon Creech
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Students entering grade 5 will read a total of 2 books.

Students entering Grade 6 will read 2 quality fiction books at or above the 4th grade reading level. Students will complete 2 projects from the given choices, one for each book.

Students entering Grade 7 will read 2 quality fiction books at or above the 5th grade reading level.

Students entering grades 6 & 7 will complete 2 projects from the given choices, one for each book.

1. A two to three minute book review video.
2. I AM poem from the point of view of one of the main characters of the book.
3. Create a new front and back book cover to the book including your own descriptive preview of the book.
(Rubric is posted on the school website: www.sjscrescent.com under the “Most Popular”)

Students Entering Grade 8 will read *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse, a novel about a young Girl who struggles to survive and then live through the Dust Bowl. The novel is completed in free verse poetry which provides an inviting atmosphere for readers. A unit of study will review the novel, man’s destructive forces on the environment, and his responsibility to preserve the world. Eighth graders will choose a novel (grade level) to read, will decide whether to describe the protagonist or the antagonist by writing an I AM poem. Poem format will be provided.