



St. Michael - St. Gabriel Elementary School

SUMMER READING LIST 2026

Kindergarten:

Chica Chica Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault

Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle

Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too? by Eric Carle

1st Grade:

Choose one:

Polar Bear Polar Bear, What do you Hear? by Bill Martin Jr

Brown Bear Brown Bear, What do you See? by Bill Martin Jr.

Here is a Youtube link to read aloud in case you have a hard time over the summer obtaining a copy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WST-B8zQleM> .

2nd Grade:

First Day Jitters, by Julie Danneberg

Here is a Youtube link to read aloud in case you have a hard time over the summer obtaining a copy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMGCDrk3nqQ> .

3rd Grade:

The Name Jar, by Yangsook Choi

Here is a Youtube link to read aloud in case parents have a hard time over the summer obtaining a copy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HV3V35zeJDw> .

4th Grade:

Sideways Stories from Wayside School, by Louis Sachar

Youtube Audiobook: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf79c2RIULs>

How Tia Lola Came to Stay, by Julia Alvarez

Youtube Audiobook [How Tia Lola Came to Stay](#)

5th Grade:

Choose **two** of the following:

Ghost, by Jason Reynolds

Dancing Home, by Alma Flor Ada

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Efrén Divided, by Ernesto Cisneros

Chains, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Frindle, by Andrew Clements

Junior High Summer Reading 2026

Students entering Grades 6-8 at St. Michael-St. Gabriel are **required** to read one text from the attached list. This helps to keep reading skills sharp and cut down on the time it takes to get back into the reading habit next year. Students need to complete the Crusader Summer Reading Journal for their chosen book. This will count as a grade!

6th Grade

- *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*, by Brenda Woods
- *Tortilla Sun*, by Jennifer Cervantes
- *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, by Onjali Q. Raúf
- *The Crossover*, by Kwame Alexander
- *The Perfect Score*, by Rob Buyea
- *Alone*, by Megan E. Freeman
- *Before the Ever After*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Amari and the Night Brothers*, by B.B. Alston

7th Grade

- *Remember Us*, by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Return to Sender*, by Julia Alvarez
- *Sticks & Stones*, by Abby Cooper
- *Long Way Down*, by Jason Reynolds
- *Santiago's Road Home*, by Alexandra Diaz
- *96 Miles*, by J.L Esplin
- *Zane and the Hurricane*, by Rodman Philbrick
- *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park

8th Grade

- *Sanctuary*, by Paola Mendoza
- *After Ever After*, by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Once*, by Morris Gleitzman
- *Let the Circle be Unbroken*, by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Other Words for Home*, by Jasmine Warga
- *Pride*, by Ibi Zoboi
- *Cuba 15*, by Nancy Osa
- *Orbiting Jupiter*, by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Charming as a Verb*, by Ben Philippe