

Summer Reading Ideas from your St. Mark School Library

2017 Required Summer Reading:

Rising 1st-3rd graders: Three free choice books

Rising 4th graders: Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo & three free choice books

Rising 5th graders: Ben and Me by Robert Lawson & three free choice books

Rising 6th-8th graders: Two free choice books

1. Visit your local public library often. Join their summer reading club and earn prizes. Better yet, visit on a day when they have programming. They have everything from story times, magicians, and animal visitors for the younger set to Lego days and STEM programming for older students. While there, look for....
2. Bluebonnet books. The Bluebonnet program is a program in Texas for rising 3rd-6th graders and St. Mark takes part. The public library will have the books available and all of our students will be given a bookmark with all the titles so they can keep track of what they read over the summer and get their stickers when they return to school.
3. Barnes & Noble and Half-Price books also have summer reading programs where prizes can be earned for books read.
4. Visit the following websites for ideas:

Book ideas/reviews, by age and category

A Book and a Hug: <http://abookandahug.com/index.php>

Childrens Book Council: <http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

Hedgehog books: <http://www.hedgehogbooks.com/> * (they sell books but have good reviews by teachers)

Bookhive: <http://www.bookhive.org/bookhive/>

Read Kiddo Read <http://www.readkiddoread.com/>

Guys Read <http://guysread.com/>

ALA Notable Children's books: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

Common Sense Media: <https://www.common Sense Media.org/reviews/category/book>

Texas Bluebonnet Award: <http://www.txla.org/sites/tla/files/groups/TBA/2017-18MasterListAnnotations.pdf> (note: the school is not providing or recommending Best Man. While a good book we feel it is inappropriate to advertise to our younger Bluebonnet readers.)

Books in a Series/What to Read Next

Juvenile Series & Sequels: <http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series>

What kind of a Superhero reader are you?: <http://abookandahug.com/reader-assessment>

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