

St. George's Germantown
Recommended Summer Reading
Compiled by St. George's Germantown Book Review Committee

The titles below are merely a list of suggestions for each grade. The reading levels listed in parenthesis are from Accelerated Reader which uses the ATOS Readability Formula. ATOS determines a reading level based on words per sentence, characters per word, and average grade level of words. It is important to note that ATOS does not consider the content of the reading material when assigning grade levels. The reading level does not necessarily reflect interest level. Some lower level books contain themes more suitable for older children while some higher-level books would be more interesting to younger children. I have attempted to place the books under each grade according to interest level. However, you, as a parent know best what is most appropriate for your child. Not all of these books have been read by our faculty or staff. Every family has their own values, and we urge you to be familiar with what your child is reading to discern if it is acceptable by your own standards. I have compiled this list and the reading levels to provide you with some guidance as you explore the world of children's literature with your child. Since the titles on this list are suggestions, you are free to choose books from any grade level. **Please visit the library portion of our website under recommended reading for additional resources in finding books.** Also visit Amazon.com to read *School Library Journal* or *Booklist* reviews on any of the following books.

ENTERING 1st GRADE

No Required Books: Students are encouraged to read one hundred books to get ready for 1st grade and fill out the reading log given by the SK teachers.

ENTERING 2ND GRADE

Required Reading: 3 books from any of the following series:

The Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Ready Freddy by Abby Klein
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
Box Car Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
My Weird School by Dan Gutman

In order to receive a reading certificate, read the three required plus 10 additional books (may be picture or chapter books) at or above grade level.

Below is a list of suggested titles, but students should feel free to choose other titles that are not included in the list.

Amelia Bedelia series - Peggy Parrish (1.8-2.5)
Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator by Shelley Tanaka
Arthur chapter books - Marc Brown
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki (Historical Fiction)

Bones by David Adler
Bug in a Rug - Jamie Gilson (2.9)
Bunnica or Other James and Deborah Howe books (1.8-4.1)
Cam Jansen series by David Adler
Cork & Fuzz: Good Sports by Dori Chaconas
Doll People series by Ann Martin (Fantasy)
Double Trouble in Walla Walla
Friendship According to Humphrey series by Betty G. Birney
Geronimo Stilton series
Henry and Mudge series- Cynthia Rylant (2.1-2.7)
Horrible Harry series - Suzy Kline (2.8-3.3)
Junie B. Jones series - Barbara Park (2.7-3)
Just Grace series by Charise Harper
Little Bear series - Else Minarik (1.4-2.4)
Luke Goes to Bat by Rachel Isadora
Marco Polo by Jon Scieszka
Martin Bridge series (Mystery) by Jessica Scott Kerrin
Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
Mr. Putter and Tabby series - Cynthia Rylant (2.6-3.5)
Oliver Pig and/or Amanda Pig series - Jean Van Leeuwen (2.2-2.6)
One Year in Beijing by Xiaohong Wang
Patricia Giff books (1.9-3.6)- The Bailey School Kids
Pinky and Rex series - James Howe (2.9-3.6)
Piper Reed Navy Brat by Kimberly Willis Holt (Realistic Fiction)
Poppleton series - Cynthia Rylant (Animal)
Surprises According to Humphrey (Animal)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
The World According to Humphrey (Animal)
Trouble According to Humphrey (Animal)
The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker (Realistic Fiction)
The Time Warp Trio Series by Jon Scieszka

ENTERING 3RD GRADE

Required Reading: Jake Drake Know-It-All #2, and 2 other chapter books of your choice, plus 1 nonfiction book from the following list:

Quest for the Tree Kangaroo by Montgomery
Children of the Great Depression by Freedman
York's Adventure with Lewis and Clark by Blumberg
Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine by Bartoletti
Through My Eyes by Bridges
An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly by Pringle
A Drop of Water by Wick
Safari Beneath the Sea by Swanson
Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsey by Dewey
Children of the Dust Bowl - The True Story of the School at Weedpatch by Stanley
Twelve Rounds to Glory by Kadir Nelson

We are the Ship by Kadir Nelson

In order to receive a reading certificate, read the 4 required plus 3 additional books at or above grade level.

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The 39 Clues series

Amber Brown series - Paula Danziger (3.7-4)

Allie Finkle series

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things

American Girl series

Andrew Clements books

Animal Ark series - Ben Baglio (3.6-4.8)

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clement

Bad Kitty Gets a Bath

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Blood on the River by Elise Lynn Carbone (5.3)

Boxcar Children series - Gertrude Warner (2.9-4.2)

Charlotte's Web - E.B. White (4.4)

Clementine

The Talented Clementine

Clementine's Letter

Dick King-Smith books (4.5-6.1)

Edge Chronicles series by Paul Stewart

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Encyclopedia Brown series - Donald Sobol (4-4.8)

Flat Stanley series - Jeff Brown (3.3-4.0)

Fudge-a-mania - Judy Blume (3.3)

Frindle by Andrew Clement

The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl

Guardians of Ga'hoole Series by Kathryn Lasky

Hank the Cowdog series - John Erickson (4.2-5.5)

Hanne's Quest by Olivier Dunrea

Herbie Jones series - Suzy Kline (3.3-3.5)

How to Eat Fried Worms - Thomas Rockwell (3.5)

It's Great to Be Eight

James and Deborah Howe books (1.8-5.8)

Jenny Archer series - Ellen Conford (2.9-3.6)

Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher - Bruck Coville

Julian Rodriguez: Episode One: Trash Crisis on Earth (graphic novel)

Just Grace series by Charise Harper

Lucy Rose series by Katy Kelly

Magic Thief: Book One by Sarah Prineas

Matt Christopher Books (3-6)

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank You Notes

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series - Betty MacDonald (4.9-5.5)

My America or Dear America series

Oggie Cooder by Sarah Weeks

One Hen: How One Small Loan Can Make a Difference by Katie Smith Milway

Pandora Gets Jealous by Carolyn Hennesy

Penny from Heaven by Jennifer Holms

Please Write in This Book by Mary Amato
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series
Pippi Longstocking - Astrid Lindgren (5.2)
Ramona books - Beverly Cleary (4.8-5.6)
Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbot
Secret Olivia Told Me
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Superfudge - Judy Blume (3.4)
Swindle by Gordon Korman
The Chocolate Touch - Patrick Catling (4.7)
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Caldecott Medal)
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
The Littles series - John Peterson (3.3-4.7)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
The Thing about Georgie by Lisa Graff
The Time Warp Trio series - Jon Scieszka (3.8-4.2)
The Willoughby's by Lois Lowery
Toy Dance Party: Being the Further Adventures of a Bossyboots, Stingray, a Courageous Buffalo, and a Hopeful Round Someone Called Plastic by Emily Jenkins
Wayside School series - Louis Sachar (3.3-3.4)
Whitestar Dog on the Titanic by Marty Crisp (4.7)

ENTERING 4TH GRADE

Required Reading: Choose 2 from the following list:

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor
Tale of Desperaux by Kate DiCamillo
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sacher
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson
Otherwise Known as Shelia the Great by Judy Blume

and 1 biography chapter book at or above grade level

In order to receive a reading certificate, read the 3 required books plus 3 additional books at or above grade level.

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The 39 Clues series
Adventure novels by Gary Paulsen (3.3-6.8)
Allie Finkle series
Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things
American Girl series
Animal Ark series - Ben Baglio (3.6-4.8)
A Corner Of The Universe by Ann M. Martin

A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt - C. Coco De Young
Avi books (3.6-5.8)
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Because of Winn-Dixie - Kate DiCamillo (3.9)
Best Christmas Pageant Ever - Barbara Robinson (5.1)
Best School Year Ever - Barbara Robinson (5.4)
Biographies- Signature Lives Series
Biographies by Kathleen Krull
Blood on the River by Elise Lynn Carbone (5.3)
Charlotte's Web - E.B. White (4.4)
Cricket in Times Square - George Seldon (4.9)
Dear America or My America series
Dick King-Smith books (4.5-6.1)
Each Little Bird that Sings by Deborah Wiles
Edge Chronicles series by Paul Stewart
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (Newbery Honor 2008)
Encyclopedia Brown series - Donald Sobol (4-4.8)
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Guardians of Ga'hoole Series by Kathryn Lasky
George Washington Spy Master by Thomas Allen
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village
Goose Girls series by Shannon Hale
Hank the Cowdog series - John Erickson (4.2-5.5)
Hanne's Quest by Olivier Dunrea
Hardy Boys series - Franklin Dixon (4.1-6.7)
Harriet Tubman Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union During the Civil War
Hank the Cowdog series by John Erickson
Harriet the Spy - Louise Fitzhugh (4.5)
Henry Huggins books - Beverly Cleary (4.6-5.3)
Jamestown 1607 by Michael Cooper
Just Juice - Karen Hesse (3.8)
Just Grace series by Charise Harper
Lucy Rose series by Katy Kelly
Katherine Paterson books (4.2-5.7)
Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories by Jon Scieszka
Little House on the Prairie series - Laura Ingalls Wilder (4.6-5.8)
Marie Curie by Kathleen Krull
Matt Christopher Books (3-6)
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank You Notes
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series
Nancy Drew series - Carolyn Keene (4.2-5.8)
Please Write in This Book by Mary Amato
Penny from Heaven by Jennifer Holms
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series (New Book comes out May 5!)
Ralph S. Mouse - Beverly Cleary (5.1)
Ramona books - Beverly Cleary (4.8-5.6)
Roald Dahl Books (4-6)
Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale
Sammy Keyes series - Wendelin Van Draanen (4.4-5.1)
Schooled by Gordon Korman

Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbot
Sharon Creech novels
Shiloh series - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4-4.9)
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret
Stuart Little - E.B. White (6)
Swindle by Gordon Korman
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume (3.3)
The Adventurous Life of Myles Standish and the Amazing but True Survival Story of the Plymouth Colony by Cheryl Harness
The Amazing Mr. Franklin or the Boy Who Read Everything by Ruth Asher
The Borrowers series - Mary Norton (5.3-6.4)
The Bronze Pen by Zilpha Keatley Syder (Fantasy)
The Fighting Ground by Avi (Historical Fiction/Revolutionary War)
The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story – Suzanne Staples
The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles - Julie Edwards (4.4)
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
The Mouse and the Motorcycle - Beverly Cleary (5.1)
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey
The Sisters Grimm series
The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
The Time Warp Trio series - Jon Scieszka (3.8-4.2)
Whitestar Dog on the Titanic by Marty Crisp (4.7)
Yolanda’s Genius by Carol Fenner

ENTERING 5TH GRADE

Required Reading:

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
and 2 additional chapter books

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Below is a list of suggested titles, but students should feel free to choose other titles that are not included in the list.

The 39 Clues series
A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson by Michelle Green
A Year Down Yonder - Richard Peck
Abner and Me by Dan Gutman
Absolutely Normal Chaos - Sharon Creech (4.7)
Adaline Falling Star - Mary Osborne (4.5)
Adventure novels by Gary Paulsen (3.3-6.8)
Adventure novels by Will Hobbs (4.9-5.9)
Allie Finkle series
Amos Fortune: Free Man - Elizabeth Yates (6.5)
Andrew Clements books (3.5-6.0)
Antarctica books - Peter Lerangis
Avi books (3.6-5.8)

A Corner Of The Universe by Ann M. Martin
Ben and Me - Robert Lawson (6.9)
Biographies- Signature Lives Series
Biographies by Kathleen Krull
Blood on the River by Elise Lynn Carbone (5.3)
Birmingham 1963 by Carole Boston Weatherford
Bud Not Buddy - Christopher Curtis (5)
Bull Run by Paul Fleischman- (Historical Fiction-Civil War)
Chronicles of Narnia - C.S. Lewis (5.4-5.9)
Cricket and the Crackerbox Kid - Alane Ferguson
Crow-Girl :The Children of Crow Cove (Mildred L Batchelder Honor
Dear America series or My Name is America series
Dog Friday by Hilary McKay
Each Little Bird That Sings
Edge Chronicles series by Paul Stewart
Ella Enchanted - Gail Levine (4.6)
Fever, 1793
Frightful's Mountain - Jean Craighead George (4.7)
Goose Girl series by Shannon Hale
Guardians of Ga'hoole Series by Kathryn Lasky
Harry Potter series - J.K. Rowlings (5.5-6.8)
Hoot by Carl Hiaassen
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O'Dell (5.4)
Just Grace series by Charise Harper
Lucy Rose series by Katy Kelly
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series
Karen Hesse books (3.4-6.1)
Kira-Kira – Cynthia Kadohata (Newbery Medal Book)
Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park
Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories by Jon Scieszka
Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
Lily's Crossing - Patricia Giff (4.6)
Lloyd Alexander books (4.6-6.2)
Missing May - Cynthia Rylant (5.3)
Missy Violet and Me by Barbara Hathaway (won the Coretta Scott King Award)
Newbery Medal books (any previous winners)
On the Far Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George (4.5)
Patricia Beatty books (4.6-5.7)
Patricia Giff books (3.5-5.6)
Please Write in This Book by Mary Amato
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series
Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Berry
Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
Redwall series - Brian Jacques (5.1-6.3)
Roald Dahl books (4-6)
Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale
Sammy Keyes series - Wendelin Van Draanen (4.4-5.1)
Scat by Carl Hiaassen
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket (6.2-7)
Shades of Gray - Carolyn Reeder (5.3)- (Civil War)
Silverwing - Kenneth Oppel (4.7)- (Fantasy)
Small Steps by Louis Sachar
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret

Summer of the Monkeys - Wilson Rawls (4.8)
Swindle by Gordon Korman
The Amazing Mr. Franklin or the Boy Who Read Everything by Ruth Asher
Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World by Greg Mortenson
The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter
The Bronze Pen by Zilpha Keatley Snyder (Fantasy)
The Cay - Theodore Taylor (5.3)
The Egypt Game - Zilpha Keatley Snyder (6.4)- (Mystery)
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (Newberry Medal)
The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
The Fighting Ground by Avi (Historical Fiction/ Revolutionary War)
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stuart
The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
The Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall
The Secret Garden - Frances Burnett (6.3)
The Secret Journey - Peg Kehret (5.7)- (Fantasy)
The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin (5.3)- (Mystery)
Whitestar Dog on the Titanic by Marty Crisp (4.7)- (Historical Fiction/ Animal)
Wrinkle in Time series - Madeleine L'Engle (4.7-5.2)- (Fantasy)
Yolanda's Genius by Carol Fenner

Teacher's Favorites

A Far Corner of the Universe by Ann Martin (Mrs. Goldberg)
A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clement (Mrs. Whitaker)
Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech (Mrs. Winstead)
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst (Mrs. Templeton)
American Girls series (Mrs. Sisson)
An Indian in the Cupboard (Mrs. Greenslade)
Bill Peet books (Mrs. Field)
Bunnicula by James Howe (Mrs. Winstead)
Cam Jansen series (Mrs. Sisson)
Charlotte's Webb by E.B. White (Mrs. Faucette)
Double Trouble in Walla Walla (Mrs. Whitaker)
Each Little Bird that Sings by Deborah Wiles (Mrs. Goldberg)
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (Mrs. Carpenter)
Everything on a Waffle (Mrs. Greenslade)
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies, Voices from Medieval Times (Mrs. Landers)
Hank the Cowdog series (Mrs. Greenslade)
Heckedy Peg by Audrey Wood (Mrs. Morrison)
Hoot by Carl Hiaassen (Mrs. Winstead)
Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher (Mrs. Landers & Mrs. Sisson)
Lucy Rose series (Mrs. Winstead)
Mercy Wason series (Mrs. Sisson)
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series (Mrs. Whitaker & Mrs. Greenslade)
Owen Foote series by Stephanie Greene
Please Write in This Book (Mrs. Winstead)
Polk Street School series by Patricia Reilly Giff (Mrs. Morrison)
Schooled by Gordon Korman (Mrs. Winstead)
Small Step: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret (Mrs. Goldberg)
The 39 Clues series (Mrs. Sisson)
The BFG (Mrs. Greenslade)
Clementine series (Mrs. Carpenter)
The Giraffe, The Pelly & Me by Roald Dahl (Mrs. Landers)
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Mrs. Sisson & Mrs. Landers)
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss (Mrs. Veach)
The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl (Mrs. Faucette)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Mrs. Winstead, Mrs. Landers)
The Time Warp Trio series (Mrs. Sisson)
Wayside School series (Mrs. Winstead & Mrs. Knowles)