

Saint James Middle School  
**2017-2018**  
**Summer Reading**

**Sixth Grade**

SAINT JAMES MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Reading Program

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The reading program at Saint James Middle School is designed to broaden our students' knowledge of good literature and to provide them additional background for the coming school year. We encourage our students to read and to discuss the texts that are read. Research has shown consistent connections between proficiency with reading comprehension and certain activities, for example:

- The availability of reading material in the home.
- Parental modeling of good reading habits.
- Reading and/or being read to regularly for enjoyment.
- Discussing what you have read with someone or otherwise responding to what you have read.

We believe our summer reading program truly emphasizes the love of reading. Our program provides 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a wide range of reading choices, Accelerated Reader assessment, and application of reading through writing activities at the beginning of the school year.

Our ultimate goal is to encourage students to read appropriate selections that can challenge and improve their reading comprehension. We believe our summer reading program will help our students reach this goal while also providing them with a greater appreciation for reading.

We hope each student will find these reading assignments will enhance his/her summer experience.

JB Copeland

## SIXTH GRADE

### **Choose your own summer reading!**

Pick **ONE** book to read.

Incoming sixth graders will select **one book** from the list below for their summer reading. Students will read the book and take the **Accelerated Reader test** on that book during the **first week of school**.

It will be helpful for students to make some notes about the basic elements of the book, especially if they read it early in the summer.

1. Who are the main characters?
2. When and where does the story take place?
3. What problems do the characters face?
4. What steps do they take to overcome their problems?
5. How does the action come to a close?

The grade on the test will count as a **quiz grade** for the first quarter of the school year.

### **FAQ**

*Can I use a book I read in elementary school?* Do not pick a book for which you have already taken an AR test at Saint James School. The system will block your attempt to retake the test.

*How do I know if a listed author's book is acceptable?* If choosing an 'any titles' selection from an author, check **ARbookfind.com** to be sure there is an AR test on your selection.

*Can I pick any book with an AR test?* No. You will have more freedom of choice with your books during the school year. The titles and authors listed here give you a wide variety of subjects and levels.

## Summer Reading List

Alcott, L.M.	Little Women
Alexander, Lloyd	The Chronicles of Prydain (five titles)
Armstrong, Alan	Whittington
Armstrong, William	Souder
Avi	Beyond the Western Sea
Avi	Crispin: At the Edge of the World
Avi	Crispin: The End of the World
Avi	Crispin: The End of Time
Avi	Hard Gold
Avi	The Book Without Words
Avi	Poppy's Return
Avi	The Mayor of Central Park
Avi	The Traitor's Gate
Avi	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Babbitt, N.	Tuck Everlasting
Balliett, Blue	The Calder Game
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer
Balliett, Blue	The Wright 3
Barry, Dave	Peter and the Shadow Thieves
Barry Dave	Peter and the Starcatchers
Bauer, Joan	Stand Tall
Baum, L. Frank	The Wizard of Oz
Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of...
Blatchford, Claire	Nick's Secret
Blos, Joan	A Gathering of Days
Bowler, Tim	Firmament
Bowler, Tim	River Boy
Brink, Carol Ryrie	Caddie Woodlawn
Brooks, Bruce	The Moves Make the Man
Burnett, F. H.	The Secret Garden
Burnett, Frances H.	A Little Princess
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
Byng, Georgia	Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism
Carlson, Natalie Savage	The Family Under the Bridge
Carman, Patrick	Beyond the Valley of Thorns
Carter, F.	The Education of Little Tree
Christopher, Matt	Stealing Home
Cleary, Beverly	Dear Mr. Henshaw
Clements, Andrew	Room One: A Mystery or Two

Clements, Andrew	Lunch Money
Clements, Andrew	The Last Holiday Concert
Clements, Andrew	The Report Card
Clements, Andrew	Things Hoped For
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl (any in series)
Colfer, Eoin	Half-Moon Investigations
Colfer, Eoin	The Supernaturalist
Collier, James Lincoln	My Brother Sam is Dead
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Marks of Secret
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor the Overlander
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Code of Claw
Cooper, Susan	Greenwitch
Cooper, Susan	Over Sea, Under Stone
Cooper, Susan	Silver on the Tree
Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising
Cooper, Susan	The Grey King
Creech, Sharon	Absolutely Normal Chaos
Creech, Sharon	Bloomability
Creech, Sharon	Chasing Redbird
Creech, Sharon	Granny Torrelli Makes Soup
Creech, Sharon	Heartbeat
Creech, Sharon	Replay
Creech, Sharon	Ruby Holler
Creech, Sharon	The Castle Corona
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons go to Birmingham
Cushman, Karen	Catherine, Called Birdy
Delaney, Joseph	The Last Apprentice series
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux
DiCamillo, Kate	Flora & Ulysses
Dodge, M.	Hans Brinker
Doyle, Arthur Conan	The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes
DuBois, William Pene	The Twenty-One Balloons
DuPrau, Jeanne	The City of Ember
DuPrau, Jeanne	The People of Sparks
DuPrau, Jeanne	The Prophet of Yonwood
DuPrau, Jeanne	Diamond of Darkhold
Eckert, Allan	Incident at Hawk's Hill
Enright, Elizabeth	Gone Away Lake
Enright, Elizabeth	The Melendy Quartet (4 titles)
Enright, Elizabeth	Thimble Summer
Estes, Eleanor	Ginger Pye
Farley, Walter	The Black Stallion

Flanagan, John	The Ranger's Apprentice series
Fox, Paula	The One-Eyed Cat
Fox, Paula	The Slave Dancer
Fox, Paula	Monkey Island
Fradin, Dennis Brindell	My Family Shall Be Free: The Life of Peter Still
Frank, Anne	The Diary of A Young Girl
Freeman, Russell	Life and Death of Crazy Horse
Funke, Cornelia	Igraine the Brave
Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart
Funke, Cornelia	Inkspell
Funke, Cornelia	Inkdeath
Gantos, Jack	Dead End in Norvelt
Gantos, Jack	From Norvelt to Nowhere
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves
George, Jean Craighead	My Side of the Mountain
George, Jean Craighead	On the Far Side of the Mountain
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Lily's Crossing
Gilbreth, Frank	Cheaper by the Dozen
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Green, Tim	Lost Boy
Green, Tim	Pinch Hit
Green, Tim	Unstoppable
Green, Tim	Deep Zone
Green, Tim	Rivals
Green, Tim	The Big Time
Green, Tim	Football Champ
Green, Tim	Football Genius
Greene, Bette	Philip Hall Likes Me I Reckon Maybe
Greene, Bette	Summer of My German Soldier
Grogan, John	Marley and Me
Gunderson, Megan	Jeff Kinney
Gutman, Dan	" & Me" series (any)
Gutman, Dan	The Homework Machine
Hale, Shannon	Book of a Thousand Days
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy: Palace of Stone
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy: The Forgotten Sisters
Hale, Shannon	River Secrets
Hale, Shannon	The Goose Girl
Hamilton, Virginia	The Planet of Junior Brown
Hartman, Rachel	Seraphina
Henry, Marguerite	Justin Had a Horse
Herriot, James	All Creatures Great and Small
Hesse, Karen	Letters from Rifka
Hiaasen, Carl	Flush

Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot
Hiaasen, Carl	Scat
Hobbs, Will	Jason's Gold
Hobbs, Will	Down the Yukon
Hobbs, Will	Leaving Protection
Hobbs, Will	Wild Man Island
Hobbs, Will	The Maze
Hobbs, Will	River Thunder
Hobbs, Will	Ghost Canoe
Hobbs, Will	Far North
Hobbs, Will	Kokopelli's Flute
Hobbs, Will	Downriver
Hobbs, Will	Beardance
Hobbs, Will	The Big Wander
Hobbs, Will	Changes in Latitudes
Holm, Jennifer	Our Only May Amelia
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle
Houston, Jeanne	Farewell to Manzanar
Hunt, Irene	No Promises in the Wind
Hunt, Irene	The Lottery Rose
Hunter, Erin	Warrior Series titles
Ibbotson, Eva	Any title EXCEPT The Great Ghost Rescue
Jacques, Brian	Redwall Series (all titles)
Juster, Norton	The Phantom Tollbooth
Kindl, Patrice	Goose Chase
Knight, Eric	Lassie Come Home
Konigsburg, E.L.	The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place
Konigsburg, E.L.	The View from Saturday
Kwame, Alexander	The Crossover
L'Engle, Madeleine	Meet the Austins
L'Engle, Madeleine	Troubling a star
Lauber, Patricia	Lost Star, The Story of Amelia Earhart
Lawloc, Laurie	Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit
Lewis, C.S.	Any of The Chronicles of Narnia (7 titles)
Lupica, Mike	(all titles)
MacHale, D.J.	The Light: Morpheus Road
Marshall, Catherine	Christy
Mikaelsen, Ben	Rescue Josh McGuire
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of the Island
Morley, Walt	Gentle Ben
Muchamore, Robert	The Cherub Series (11 in series)
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh
O'Dell, Scott	Sing Down the Moon
Oppel, Kenneth	Darkwing

Oppel, Kenneth	Firewing
Oppel, Kenneth	Silverwing
Oppel, Kenneth	Sunwing
Orlev, Uri	Run, Boy, Run
Orlev, Uri	The Man from the Other Side
Orlev, Uri	The Song of Whales
Orlev, Uri	Lydia, Queen of Palestine
Patterson, James	Maximum Ride series (any)
Paulsen, Gary	Dogsong
Paulsen, Gary	Guts
Paulsen, Gary	The Foxman
Paulsen, Gary	The Island
Paulsen, Gary	The Quilt
Paulsen, Gary	Woodsong
Perkins, Lynne Rae	Criss Cross
Petersen, P. J.	WhiteWater
Pullman, Philip	His Dark Materials trilogy (3 titles)
Pullman, Philip	The Scarecrow and His Servant
Pyle, Howard	The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
Rawlings, Marjorie	The Yearling
Rawls, Wilson	The Summer of the Monkeys
Reiss, Johanna	The Upstairs Room
Richter, C.	The Light in the Forest
Rinaldi, Ann	Wolf by the Ears
Riordan, Rick	The Percy Jackson Series
Robinson, Sharon	Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter series (7 titles)
Rylant, Cynthia	A Fine White Dust
Rylant, Cynthia	Missing May
Severance, John B.	Gandhi, Great Soul
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Sign of the Beaver
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Spinelli, J.	Knots in My YoYo String
Spyri, J.	Heidi
Stevenson, R. L.	Treasure Island
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped
Stewart, Mary	The Crystal Cave
Tolan, Stephanie S.	Surviving the Applewhites
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Lord of the Rings (any of the three)
Voigt, Cynthia	A Solitary Blue
Voigt, Cynthia	Homecoming
Wallace, Bill	Red Dog



Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
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Wrede, Patricia  
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Yep, Laurence  
Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn  
Zindel, Paul

Farmer Boy  
The Long Winter  
Dealing with Dragons  
Dragon's Fire  
Searching for Dragons  
Calling on Dragons  
Talking to Dragons  
Dragonwings  
Reaching for Sun  
The Pigman