

# Santa Cruz Catholic School

## 2021-2022 Summer Reading and Math Recommendations

The summer assignments are highly recommended for all students. Please see the appropriate grade level for further instructions and book choices.

The school has purchased licenses for all current students through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, using Dreambox for mathematics and Lexia for reading. We encourage all students to complete two lessons in Dreambox and 20 minutes of Lexia at least five days a week. This gradual reinforcement of current skills will prevent a loss of learning over the summer.

### **Incoming Junior Kindergarten (4 yr. olds) – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:**

We ask that these young emergent readers join a local library or bookstore summer reading club. Please encourage non-fiction as well as fiction books to continue to develop all types of reading skills.

### **Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Only a recommendation, self-selection acceptable)**

**Fiction-** Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below:

1. ***James and the Giant Peach*** – Roald Dahl
2. ***Little House in the Big Woods*** – Laura Ingalls
3. ***Stuart Little***- E.B. White
4. ***Because of Winn Dixie***- Kate DiCamillo
5. ***The BFG*** – Roald Dahl
6. ***Frindle***- Andrew Clements

**Nonfiction:** Read **ONE** appropriately challenging autobiography or biography of your choice.

### **Incoming 4th Grade**

**Fiction:** Please Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below that you have not read.

1. *The Mysterious Benedict Society* – Trenton Lee Stewart
2. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill
3. *The War That Saved My Life* – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
4. *Ugly* – Robert Hoge
5. *One Crazy Summer* – Rita Williams Garcia
6. *Inside Out and Back Again* – Thanhha Lai
7. *Paperboy*- Vince Vawter
8. *The Tiger Rising* – Kate DiCamillo

**Nonfiction:** Read **ONE** appropriately challenging autobiography or biography of your choice that you have not read.

### **Incoming 5th Grade**

**Fiction:** Please Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below that you have not read.

1. *Olivia and the Little Way* –Nancy Carabio Belanger
2. *The Sign of the Beaver* – Elizabeth George Speare
3. *My Side of the Mountain* – Jean Craighead George
4. *Summer of the Monkeys*- Wilson Rawls
5. *Fish in a Tree*-Lynda Mullaly Hunt
6. *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*-Dusti Bowling
7. *Front Desk*-Kelly Yang
8. *The Dragon with the Chocolate Heart*-Stephanie Burgis
9. *Pie in the Sky*-Remy Lei
10. *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*-Karina Yang Glaser

**Nonfiction:** Read **ONE** appropriately challenging (90 page+) biography of a saint that you have not read.

# Incoming 6th-8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Choose one of each type of book to read and answer the questions for each. Choose *your own books* or choose *a recommended book* from below.

## (1) Biography/Autobiography

Title:	Author:	Number of Pages:	Date started: Date completed:
Briefly describe the character:	Explain any hardships he/she went through	Explain any accomplishments he/she had	Describe their family life

## (1) Fiction

Title of book:	Author:	Number of pages:	Date started: Date completed:
In 2-3 sentences tell us what the book was about: (leave out the details)	Describe one of the main characters in 3-5 sentences. (Age, appearance, personality, demeanor, dreams, activities etc.)	What major event(s) did the main character go through?	Tell us your favorite part of the book and why?

## (1) Nonfiction Informative (not a biography)

Title of book:	Author:	Number of pages:	Date started: Date completed:
What was this book teaching you about?	Tell 4 things you learned after reading this book.	Did the author make the book easy for you to understand? Why or why not?	Would you like to read more about this subject? Why or why not?

## **Recommended fiction grades 6-8**

Mississippi Bridge by Mildred Taylor 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade

A Wind in the Door by Madeline L'Engle 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis 6<sup>th</sup> grade

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes Any grade level

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks 6<sup>th</sup> grade

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The River by Gary Paulsen 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander 8<sup>th</sup> grade