



## Summer Reading 2026

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School requires students to participate in summer reading. Please see the following information regarding the summer reading program.

- Students are asked to read the book(s) assigned for the grade level they will be entering in 2026.
- Upon returning to school, students must be prepared to participate in **graded** activities that pertain to their grade level's summer reading book.
- **5<sup>th</sup> – 8th Grade students must read 2 books.** One book is required for all students to read, and the second required book must be chosen from the choice options.
- All books are Accelerated Reader books unless noted and students are encouraged and allowed to take the AR test on the book if they haven't already done so. They will not be able to take the AR test a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

We thank you for supporting your child's reading and our summer reading program.

<b>Entering K</b>	See Summer Reading Information with report cards OR log on <a href="#">MBS Library website</a>
<b>Entering 1st Grade</b>	See Summer Reading Information with report cards OR Log on <a href="#">MBS Library website</a>
<b>Entering 2nd Grade</b>	<p><b><u>Choose ONE book from below</u></b></p> <p><b>The Bad Seed</b> by Jory John  <b>The Whatifs</b> by Emily Kilgore  <b>Jabari Jumps</b> by Gaia Cornwall  <b>The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes</b> by Mark Pett</p>
<b>Entering 3rd Grade</b>	<p><b><u>Choose ONE book from one of these series</u></b></p> <p><b>A to Z Mysteries</b>, Ron Roy  <b>Ameilia Bedilia</b>, Peggy Parish  <b>Black Lagoon</b>, Mike Thaler  <b>The Buddy Files</b>, Dori Hillestad Butler  <b>Junie B. Jones</b>, Barbara Park  <b>Magic Tree House</b>, Mary Pope Osborne</p>
<b>Entering 4th Grade –</b> extra rewards for reading more than 1 book. <a href="#">See information sheet on library website</a> for details.	<p><b><u>Choose ONE book from below or ONE book from the series listed</u></b></p> <p><b>Amber Brown Series</b>, Paula Danzinger  <b>My Weird School Series</b>, Dan Gutman  <b>Magic Tree House Series</b>, Mary Pope Osborne  <b>Ranger in Time Series</b>, Kate Messner  <b>Freckle Juice</b>, Judy Blume  <b>The Whipping Boy</b>, Sid Fleischman  <b>How to Eat Fried Worms</b>, Sid Fleischman  <b>Shiloh</b>, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  <b>Wayside School is Falling Down</b>, Louis Sachar  <b>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</b>, Louis Sachar  <b>Frindle</b>, Andrew Clements  <b>Love That Dog</b>, Sharon Creech  <b>There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom</b>, Louis Sachar  <b>Because of Winn Dixie</b>, Kate DiCamillo  <b>Fudge-A-Mania</b>, Judy Blume  <b>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</b>, Judy Blume</p>

<p><b>Entering 5th Grade – 2 books required</b></p>	<p><b>ALL STUDENTS READ: The Fairy-Tale Detectives (The Sisters Grimm #1, Michael Buckley</b></p> <p>Choose ONE book from:  <b>Bridge to Terabithia</b>, Katherine Paterson  <b>The Wild Robot</b>, Peter Brown</p>
<p><b>Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2 books required</b></p>	<p><b>ALL STUDENTS READ: Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick</b></p> <p><b>AND Choose ONE book from below</b>  *indicates graphic novels</p> <p><b>Adventure/Survival</b>  <b>Island of the Blue Dolphins</b>, Scott O’Dell  <b>In the Shadow of the Sun</b>, Anne Sibley O'Brien</p> <p><b>Fantasy/Science Fiction</b>  <b>Amari and the Night Brothers (Supernatural Investigations #1)</b> by B.B. Alston  <b>The Graveyard Book</b>, Neil Gaiman  <b>The Phantom Tollbooth</b> by Norton Juster  *<b>Zita the Space Girl</b> by Ben Hatke</p> <p><b>Historical Fiction</b>  <b>Refugee</b>, Alan Gratz  <b>Inside Out &amp; Back Again</b>, Thanhha Lai  <b>Number the Stars</b>, Lois Lowry  <b>Plague Thieves</b>, Caroline Fernandez (no AR test)</p> <p><b>Mystery</b>  <b>Deadman's Castle</b> by Iain Lawrence</p> <p><b>Non-Fiction</b>  *<b>Catechism of the Seven Sacraments</b> by Kevin and Mary O’Neill (no AR test)  <b>The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb</b> by Candace Fleming  <b>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team</b>,  Christina Soontornvat</p> <p><b>Realistic Fiction</b>  <b>Ahmed Aziz’s Epic Year</b> by Nina Hamza  <b>Fish in a Tree</b> by Lynda Hunt  <b>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</b> written by Janae Marks  *<b>Swim Team</b> written and illustrated by Johnnie Christmas  <b>Worst-Case Collin</b> by Rebecca Caprara</p> <p><b>Sports</b>  <b>The Underdogs</b>, Mike Lupica  <b>Volleyball Ace</b>, Jake Maddox</p>
<p><b>Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2 books required</b></p>	<p><b>ALL STUDENTS READ: Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko</b></p> <p><b>AND Choose ONE book from below</b>  *indicates graphic novels</p>

**Adventure/Survival**

**Greetings from Witness Protection!**, Jake Burt

**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

**Fantasy**

**Artemis Fowl**, Eoin Colfer

**Frogkisser!**, Garth Nix

**The Pumpkin Princess and the Forever Night**, Steven Banbury (no AR test)

**The Hobbit**, J.R.R. Tolkein

**Historical Fiction**

**I Am David**, Anne Holm

**\*Queen of the Sea** by Dylan Meconis

**Red, White, and Whole** by Rajani LaRocca

**Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan

**Mystery**

**Strangers, The (Greystone Secrets 1)**, Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Non-Fiction**

**Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis** written by Susan Hood and Greg Dawson

**Brilliant: 25 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Super Smart People** by David Warren (no AR test)

**Realistic Fiction**

**The Chance to Fly** by Ali Stoker

**Starfish** by Lisa Fipps

**\*Twins** written by Varian Johnson, illustrated by Shannon Wright

**Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus**, Dusti Bowling

**\*New Kid**, Jerry Craft

**Sports**

**Wind Up**, Derek Jeter

**The Crossover**, Kwame Alexander

**\*The Crossover**, Kwame Alexander (graphic novel)

**Entering 8th  
Grade – 2 books  
required**

**ALL STUDENTS READ: Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings**

**AND Choose ONE book from below**

**\*indicates graphic novels**

**Adventure/Survival**

**High Score** written by Destiny Howell

**Storm Blown**, Nick Courage

**Fantasy/Science Fiction**

**The Last Cuentista** by Donna Barba Higuera

**Redwall** by Brian Jacques

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**, Kwame Mbalia

**Historical Fiction**

**\*The Adventures of Loupio**, Jean-Francois Kieffer (no AR test)

**The Book Thief**, Markus Zusak

**The War Below**, Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

**Mystery**

**The Switch** written by Roland Smith

**Tangerine**, Edward Bloor

**Non-Fiction**

**The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler**, John Hendrix

**“The President Has Been Shot!”: The Assisination of John F. Kennedy**, James L. Swanson

**The Red Bandanna (Young Readers Adaptation)**, Tom Rinaldi

**Realistic Fiction**

**Violets are Blue** by Barbara Dee

**Dress Coded** written by Carrie Firestone

**Million Dollar Mess**, James Patterson

**Scary**

**Camp Scare** written by Delilah S. Dawson

**Sports**

**The Academy**, T.Z. Layton

**Defending Champ** by Mike Lupica

**Final Season**, Tim Green