

**St. Gregory School**  
**2011 Summer Reading**  
**Book List**

Summer reading assignments will be distributed to the students the last week of school. They will also be posted on our website for reference during the summer.

**Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

***Night*** by Elie Weisel (required)

Select *one* of these nonfiction stories to read:

***Winterdance*** by Gary Paulson

A true story of author Gary Paulsen's amazing experience in running the Iditarod-- the 1150-mile winter sled-dog race between Anchorage and Nome-- in dangerous ignorance and with a fierce determination. You'll be completely taken in by his seventeen-day battle against Nature's worst elements and his self-discovery.

***Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter*** by Adeline Yen Mah

An autobiography of Adeline Yen Mah in which, like the fairy-tale *Cinderella* you know from Disney, her childhood is ruled by a cruel stepmother. You'll discover how she survives, and indeed flourishes, in spite of her difficult home life.

***Black Hole Sun*** by David McInnis Gill

Durango is the chief of a small band of mercenaries who live by their own code of behavior on dystopian Mars. Joining Durango to defend a community of miners from the cannibalistic Draeu are second in command Vienne, mercenaries for hire Fuse and Jenkins, old timer Ockham, and regulator wanna-be Jean-Paul. A science-fiction page-turner!

**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls (required)

Select *one* of the following novels to read:

***The Grimm Legacy*** by Polly Shulman

Elizabeth works in a library that lends objects instead of books. When the magical items of the Grimm collection begin to lose their magic she and her new friends try to figure out what's happening.

***So B. It*** by Sarah Weeks

Twelve-year-old Heidi lives with her mentally challenged mother and next door to Bernadette—an agoraphobic—who gives her love and guidance. Heidi struggles with knowing nothing about her family history. Then she finds an old camera with film intact; this prompts her quest to learn the identity of the people in the photographs and to discover her past.

***Silent to the Bone*** by E. L. Konigsburg

What happened on Wednesday, November 25 at 2:43 P.M. EST to cause Branwell Zamborska to become mute? All anyone knows is that he called 911 for help but was unable to speak to the operator. Strange...

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***Bridge to Terabithia*** by Katherine Patterson and Donna Diamond (required)

Select one of the following to read:

***Faith, Hope, and Ivy June*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When push comes to shove, two Kentucky girls find strength in each other. Ivy June Mosely and Catherine Combs, two girls from different parts of Kentucky, are participating in the first seventh-grade student exchange program between their schools. The girls will stay at each other's homes, attend school together, and record their experience in their journals.

***The Kite Fighters*** by Linda Sue Park

In Seoul, Korea, in 1473, Young-sup and his older brother Kee-sup are excited about the New Year kite competition. Young-sup is an expert at kite flying. He knows just what his kite wants him to do. Kee-sup has trouble handling his kite, but can build and design a kite fit for a king.

**Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

***The Lemonade War*** by Jacqueline Davis (required)

Select one of the following to read:

***Flush*** by Carl Hiaasen

You know it's going to be a rough summer when you spend Father's Day visiting your dad in the local lockup. Noah's dad is sure that the owner of the Coral Queen casino boat is flushing raw sewage into the harbor-which has made taking a dip at the local beach like swimming in a toilet. He can't prove it though, and so he decides that sinking the boat will make an effective statement. Right. The boat is pumped out and back in business within days and Noah's dad is stuck in the clink.

***A Cricket in Time Square*** by George Shelden

The story of Chester, a cricket from Connecticut who finds himself in a Times Square subway station. He is rescued by Mario, a boy who works at his parents' newsstand. Mario thinks crickets are lucky and wants to keep him as a pet. His parents reluctantly agree and Chester's adventures begin.

***Dial-A-Ghost*** by Eva Ibbotson

When little Oliver Smith inherits the gloomy mansion Helton Hall, his scheming cousins, the Snodde-Brittles, are determined to rid themselves of the orphan heir. They have a perfect plan. They will hire some terrifying ghosts from the Dial-a-Ghost Agency to scare the boy to death.

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**Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

***Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing*** by Judy Blume (required)

Students will also be required to read books on Raz-Kids.com

**Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Students are required to choose a total of two books from the list below. Please base your child's choice on their reading level.

Easier

***Henry and Mudge Series*** by Cynthia Rylant

***Cam Jensen Series*** by David Adler

***Nate the Great Series*** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

***Magic Treehouse Series*** by Mary Pope Osborne

Intermediate

***The Littles Series*** by John Peterson

***Jigsaw Jones Series*** by James Preller

***The Boxcar Series*** by Gertrude Chandler Warner

***A-Z Mysteries Series*** by Ron Roy

Challenging

***Roald Dahl books***

***American Girl Series***

***Encyclopedia Brown Series*** by Donald Sobel