

6-8 Recommended Summer Reading List 2017

Directions: SJCMS students are asked to read at least **one** (or more) of the books listed below during the summer. Students are asked to be prepared to take at least one AR test(s) over their book as well as complete an additional assignment to be revealed once the school year begins. ****Before reading any book, please check on arbookfinder.com to determine if the book title is an AR book.**

This list has been compiled from several sources including the American Library Association and the International Reading Association. The books on this list are not required reading; nor is this intended to be an all-inclusive list. Therefore, if your child has chosen another book, please feel free to email me shill@stjosephgs.org to check if it's an appropriate choice **As always, parents are encouraged to review their student's selection to ensure the appropriateness for individual students.**

Fiction

Little Women – Louise May Alcott
The Glory Field – Walter Dean Myers
Year of Impossible Goodbyes – Sook Nyui Choi
The Little Prince – Antoine De Saint-Exupery
The Cat Ate My Gymsuit – Paula Danziger
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes – Arthur Conan Doyle
A Single Shard – Linda Sue Park
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants – Ann Brashares
Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key – Jack Gantos
The Chocolate War – Robert Cormier
Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey – Jamake Highwater
My Angelica – Carol Lynch Williams
Maniac Magee – Jerry Spinelli
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L. Engle
Dear Mr. Henshaw – Beverly Cleary
The Snow Goose – Paul Gallico
The Maze – Will Hobbs
The Princess Bride – William Goldman
Replay – Sharon Creech
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

The Westing Game – Ellen Raskin
Holes – Louis Sachar
Tangerine – Edward Bloor
Baseball in April – Gary Soto
Bloomability – Sharon Creech
Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson
Rules – Cynthia Lord
The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Elizabeth George Speare

Fantasy/Folklore/Science Fiction

Redwall (series) – Brian Jacques
Howl's Moving Castle – Diana Wynne Jones
Dandelion Wine – Ray Bradbury
A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) – Lemony Snicket
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass – Lewis Carroll
Eragon – Christopher Paolini
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
A Walk in Wolf Wood – Mary Stewart
Spirited (Once Upon a Time) – Nancy Holder
Once Upon a Marigold – Jean Ferris
Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis
The Shepherd Moon – H.M. Hoover
Tuck Everlasting – Natalie Babbitt
The Book of Three – Lloyd Alexander
The Secret of NIMH – Robert C. O'Brien
The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales – Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
Ella Enchanted – Gail Carson Levine
Eva – Peter Dickinson
Loch – Paul Zindel
A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness Historical Fiction
Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt
Lyddie – Katherine Paterson
Grandfather's Journey – Allen Say
Child of the Owl – Laurence Yep
The Life History of a Star – Kelly Easton
Bull Run – Paul Fleischman
Steal Away – Jennifer Armstrong
After the Dancing Days – Margaret Rostkowski

The Night Journey – Kathryn Lasky
Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Avi
Crispin: At the Edge of the World – Avi
Out of the Dust – Karen Hesse
Fair Weather – Richard Peck
Double Dutch – Sharon Draper
Torn Thread – Anne Isaacs
My Brother Sam is Dead – James Lincoln Collier
The Midwife's Apprentice – Karen Cushman
The Borning Room – Paul Fleischman
Jacob, Have I Loved – Katherine Patterson
Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith

Non-Fiction

Fire in Their Eyes: Wildfires and the People who Fight Them – Karen Magnuson Beil Gifted
Hands: The Ben Carson Story – Benjamin Carson and Cecil Murphey
Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition – Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II – Penny Colman
Cheaper by the Dozen – Frank B. Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
Whole New Ballgame – Sue Macy
A Night to Remember – Walter Lord
You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? – Jean Fritz
Boy – Roland Dahl
Mistakes that Worked – Charlotte Jones and John O'Brien
A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull – Joseph Bruchac
Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo – Zlata Filipovic
Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery – Russell Fredman
I Was a Teenage Professional Wrestler – Ted Lewin
The Great Fire – Jim Murphy
Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay – Jennifer Dewey
Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the World War II Internment – Jeanne Houston
Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction – David Macaulay
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance – Jennifer Armstrong
Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story – Andrea Warren
The Rifle – Gary Paulsen
Guts – Gary Paulsen

Drama

Inherit the Wind – Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee

The Miracle Worker – William Gibson

Brian's Song – William Blinn

A Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare

The Taming of the Shrew – William Shakespeare

Pygmalion – George Bernard Shaw

Up the Down Staircase – Bel Kaufman

Graphic Novel

Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography- Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón

The Arrival- Shaun Tan

Coraline-Neil Gaiman

The Demon of River Heights- Stefan Petrucha

Foiled- Jane Yolen

Ghostopolis- Doug TenNapel

Houdini: The Handcuff King- Jason Lutes and Nick Bertozzi

Kampung Boy- Lat Lewis & Clark- Nick Bertozzi

Meanwhile- Jason Shiga

Prime Baby- Gene Luen Yang

Rapunzel's Revenge- Shannon Hale and Dean Hale

Smile- Raina Telgemeier

The Storm in the Barn- Matt Phelan

Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection- Matt Dembicki

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty- G. Neri

Zebrafish- Sharon Emerson