St. Albert the Great Summer Reading Lists



2023-2024 School Year

Incoming Junior Kindergarteners & Kindergartners

Recommended authors:

- Eric Carle (The Very Hungry Caterpillar/The Very Busy Spider)
- Lois Ehlert (*Planting a Rainbow/Color Zoo*)
- Kevin Henkes (Owen)
- Deborah Diesen (Pout-Pout Fish)
- James Dean, Eric Litwin (Pete the Cat)
- Mercer Mayer (Little Critter series)
- H. A. Rey (Curious George)
- Mo Willems (Elephant and Piggy/Pigeon)

Incoming 1st Graders

Recommended authors:

- Christopher Denise (*Knight Owl*)
- Jory John (Food Group series)
- Bob Shea (Chez Bob)
- Laurie Keller (We Are Growing)
- Mo Willems (Elephant and Piggy/Pigeon)
- Tedd Arnold (Fly Guy)
- Arnold Lobel (Frog and Toad)
- Kyla May (Diary of a Pug)

Incoming 2nd Graders

Recommended authors:

- Kate DiCamillo (Mercy Watson)
- Troy Cummings (The Notebook of Doom)
- Rebecca Elliot (Owl Diaries/Unicorn Diaries)
- Megan McDonald (Stink)
- Peggy Parish or Herman Parish (Amelia Bedelia)
- Barbara Park (Junie B. Jones)
- Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Treehouse)

• Ron Roy (A-Z Mysteries)

Incoming 3rd Graders

Required: Flat Stanley His Original Story by Jeff Brown

Plus, choose one more book to read:

- *Mac Undercover (Mac B., Kid Spy #1)* by Mac Barnett
- *The 13-Story Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths
- Ranger in Time-Rescue on the Oregon Trail by Kate Messner

Incoming 4th Graders

Required: Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson

Plus, choose one more book to read:

- Annie's Life in Lists by Kristin Mahoney
 OR
- Confessions of a Class Clown by Arianne Costner (Book Bee)

Incoming 5th Graders

Required: Holes by Louis Sachar

Additional reading suggestions:

- Just Right Jillian by Nicole D. Collier (KY Bluegrass Award nominee, Book Bee)
- *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm (Book Bee)
- The Unforgettable Logan Foster by Shawn Peters (KY Bluegrass Award nominee)
- The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Book Bee)
- Brave Like That by Lindsey Stoddard
- A Comb of Wishes by Lisa Stringfellow (Book Bee)

Incoming 6th Graders

Required: Restart by Gordon Korman

Plus, read at least one more book from this list:

- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (Book Bee)
- The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Incoming 7th Graders

Required: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Additional reading suggestions:

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Redwall by Brian Jacques
- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

Incoming 8th Graders

Required: A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Additional reading suggestions:

- The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- The Gallery by Laura Marx Fitzgerald (Book Bee)
- Restart by Gordon Korman
- Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchek Skrypuch (Book Bee)

Other Reading Ideas:

Kentucky Bluegrass Award Nominee Master Lists, K-2, 3-5, 6-8: https://www.kasl.us/bluegrass-award/kba-nominee-lists

3-8th Graders, do you plan to participate in **Book Bee** this year? Start reading the books now: Book Bee