

St. Albert the Great Summer Reading Lists



2023-2024 School Year

Incoming Junior Kindergarten & 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](#)