

Saints Peter and Paul School

Summer Reading Program

Students Entering Third Grade

Directions: Students must read the required reading book and complete a summer reading assignment in the fall. We encourage students to read at least one book from the recommended reading list.

Required Reading:

Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective series, Donald Sobol

“A Civil War sword, missing roller skates, a trapeze artist's inheritance, a ghost who whistles, eight stuffed penguins... Is there any case this kid can't crack? Meet the boy detective Encyclopedia Brown, fifth-grade mastermind behind Idaville's police force.” Each book is set up so that you can try to crack these cases along with the boy genius, and the answers to all the mysteries are found in the back. You are required to read one book in the series, but we encourage you to read them all!

Recommended Reading:

Flat Stanley Series, Jeff Brown.

Poor Stanley wakes up one morning as flat as a pancake! But our hero quickly adjusts and takes advantage of his new shape--sliding under doors and slipping through cracks. He even helps solve a mystery. Will Stanley ever return to his old shape? Will he even want to? Read and find out.

Third Grade Detective, George E. Stanley (Any book in the series of 4)

Everybody loves a good mystery. With these books, *you* become the detective as you read along. Piece together the clues or break the code to solve the mystery puzzling this third grade classroom. Read one and you'll want to read them all! These are shorter books that are easy and fun to read.

Chocolate Touch, Patrick Skene Catling

John Midas loves chocolate more than anything in the world. He loves it with everything and on anything. But when he eats a magical piece of chocolate that turns anything his lips touch into his favorite food, he wonders if there really can be too much of a good thing. Chocolate lovers beware.

Sideways Stories From The Wayside School, Louis Sachar

The Wayside school was supposed to be one story with thirty classrooms; instead it is 30 stories high with one classroom on each floor. What goes on inside is just as peculiar. Students become stuck to their chairs; teachers are turned into apples; mosquito bites are used for teaching math and a pesky ghost is haunting 13th floor. The writing is fun and descriptive, and each story presents a valuable lesson.

The Magic Finger, Roald Dahl

If you hearing the story *The Giraffe, the Pelly and me* during library class, then you're sure to love *The Magic Finger*. The Gregg family loves hunting, but the eight year old girl living next door thinks it is awful. When she discovers that her finger has magical powers, she decides to give the Gregg family a taste of their own medicine. Now they'll know how the ducks feel, complete with wings, nests and hunters!

The World According to Humphrey, Betty G. Birney

A nice substitute teacher brings Humphrey the hamster to class telling the students, “You can learn about yourself caring for another species”--and they do. The class and their families fall

in love with the little Hamster who manages to teach courage, discipline and kindness to his caretakers. But when Mrs. Brisbane returns to her class, she is less than thrilled with the new addition; Humphrey the hamster will have to go. We hear the whole story from Humphrey himself--he's the narrator! This is a slightly longer, more challenging book for new readers, but it's well worth the effort.

The Water Horse, Dick King-Smith

“This is the story of a young Scottish girl, Kirstie, and her brother, Angus, who find a mysterious egg washed up on shore after a storm. They take it home and to their delight, this "mermaid's purse" hatches into a lovable sea monster they call Crusoe. It keeps growing and growing until it is too big to live anywhere but in nearby Loch Ness. Sound familiar? If you enjoy animal stories, you'll love this one. The characters are believable and, since King-Smith relates events from the point of view of the water horse as well as those of Kirstie and her family, you'll get to know the friendly, not-at-all-fearsome monster.” This is a more challenging reading level but give it a try.