



**St. Bernadette Kindergarten
Summer Reading Activity**

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Saint Bernadette School!
During the Summer Break we would like to encourage
you to read with your child and complete
a fun and simple activity.

Attached you will find our friend "Chester" reading
his favorite story "The Kissing Hand" (of course).
Please have your child color in a heart for each book that you read.
Feel free to have your child decorate the picture
and be sure bring it with you on the first day of school.

Have a great Summer!!!!

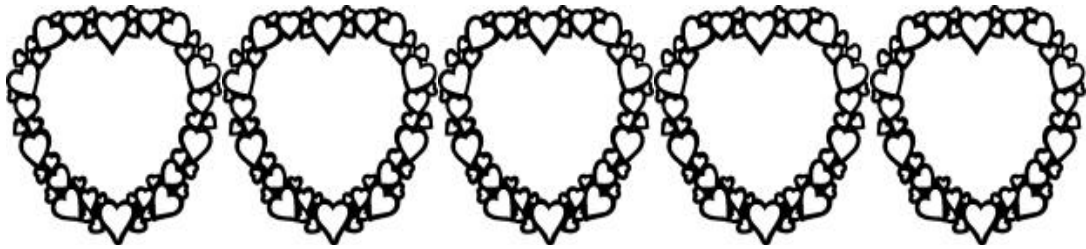
Love Your Teachers,

Mrs. Dalbec, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Jordan

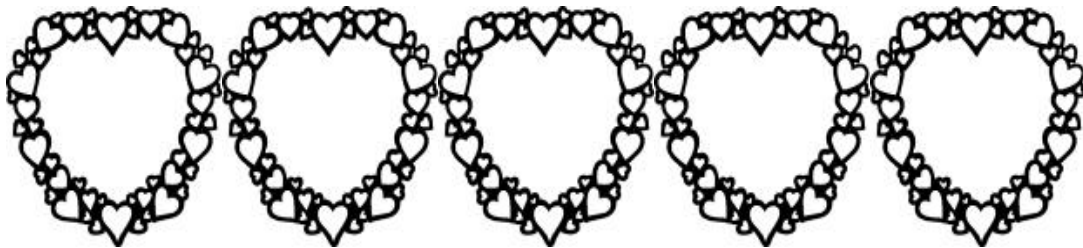


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Summer Reading Is Fun!



St. Bernadette Kindergarten





**St. Bernadette School
Kindergarten Summer Reading List**



Required Reading the week before the first day of school:

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

Required Reading: Choose at least one.

Most children will not be able to read these books independently. However, if your child is a reader, we have provided reading levels to guide his/her selection.

Easy:

Do You Want to Be My Friend by Eric Carle

A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.

Average:

Will I Have a Friend? By Mirriam Cohen

A boy's anxieties on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend.

Challenging:

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle

A hermit crab who has outgrown his old shell moves into a new one, which he decorates and enhances with the various sea creatures he meets in his travels.





Student Choice: Choose at least two:

Easy:

School Bus by Donald Crews

Follows the progress of school buses as they take children to school and bring them home again.

What Game Shall We Play? By Pat Hutchins

The animals ask each other what game they should play, but only Owl has an answer.

Round Is Mooncake by Roseanne Thong

As a little girl discovers things round, square and rectangular in her urban neighborhood, she is reminded of her Chinese American culture.

Average:

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Ten mice outsmart a hungry snake.

Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells

Max makes an earthworm cake for Grandma's birthday and helps Ruby with her angel surprise cake. At the store, the grocer can't read the entire shopping list, until Max solves the problem by drawing a picture.

Challenging:

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet Ahlberg

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play I spy with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! By Nancy Carlson

Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there.

Corduroy by Don Freeman

A teddy bear spends his days waiting in a store for someone to buy him.

Kindergarten ABC by Jacqueline Rogers

Presents the special activities of a kindergarten class on the day devoted to each letter of the alphabet, from finding acorns outside on A day, to zero more letters and a trip to the zoo on Z day.

Mama Don't Go: Yoko and Friends School Days by Rosemary Wells

Yoko won't let Mama leave the classroom until her classmate gives her courage.

Recommended Authors:

Eric Carle, Leo Lionni, Virginia Lee Burton, Mother Goose, Margaret Wise Brown, Dr. Seuss, Robert McCloskey, Beatrix Potter, H.A. Rey, Vera Williams, Mem Fox, Alike, Jack Prelutsky, David McPhail, Tomie DePaola, Rosemary Wells, Jan Brett



First Grade Summer Reading List

Required Reading

Giraffe's Can't Dance By Giles Andrae

Hop on Pop By Dr. Seuss

Please pick two more books from the following choices:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear By Bill Martin

Biscuit Goes to School By Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Yes, Jesus Loves Me By Sue Williams

Where the Wild Things Are By Maurice Sendak

Swimmy By Leo Lionni

The Missing Piece By Shel Silverstein

Sylvester and The Magic Pebble By William Steig

Frog and Toad are Friends By Arnold Lobel

Chrysanthemum By Kevin Henkes

Elmer By David Mckee

Summer Project

- Please read one of the following “summer stories” and write your best summer memory on the attached sheet. Also, include a picture of your favorite summer memory and bring to the first day of school.

1. Beach Day By Karen Roosa
2. Fun Dog, Sun Dog By Deborah Heiligman

***Books may be read independently or with a parent.**



Handwriting practice lines consisting of 12 sets of horizontal lines. Each set includes a top pink line, a middle yellow line, and a bottom brown line.



STUDENTS ENTERING SECOND GRADE

Required: One of the following.

The Little Boat by Kathy Henderson

A little boy playing at the seashore makes a toy sailboat that is swept out to sea, and, after braving storms, hungry fish, and bigger boats, is finally found by a little girl at the opposite shore.

The Toy Boat by Randall de Seve and Loren Long

A little boy has a toy boat. He made it out of a can, a cork, a yellow pencil, and some white cloth. The boy and his boat are inseparable, until one day when the wind pushes the toy boat out into the wide lake. Alone now, the little boat must face fierce waves, a grumpy ferry, a sassy schooner, and a growling speed boat. How the little boat misses the boy! But if he is going to survive, he must figure a way to do it on his own.

Required:

The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo

This is the story of Rhodopis who because of her rosy complexion and fair hair, is scorned and teased by the Egyptian servant girls who work for her kind but disinterested master. Rhodopis' happy fate, becoming the wife of Pharaoh Amasis is accomplished through the intercession of the great falcon, symbol of the god Horus. When the majestic bird deposits one of Rhodopis' rosy-gold slippers, a gift from her master, in the lap of the Pharaoh, he determines this to be a signal from the gods to marry the maiden whose foot it fits.

Students should also choose one chapter book from the following and complete attached bubble gum review sheet. We will be sharing the review sheets the first day of school.

Easy:

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Arthur by Marc Brown (early chapter books)

Average:

Cam Jansen by David Adler

Nate the Great by Marjorie W. Sharmat

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Challenging:

A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Bailey School Kids Debbie Dadey

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

***Note to Parents: To clarify there will be a total of 3 required books.**

Students Entering Third Grade

Required: Read both Before the first day of school

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary

At first, Maggie is just being contrary when she tells her parents she doesn't need to learn cursive. Then her teacher, Mrs. Leeper, says Maggie's cursive is so untidy her name looks like "Muggie," and Maggie decides she will never, never read or write cursive. Nobody can make her. But when Mrs. Leeper appoints Maggie class mail messenger, the notes Maggie must carry are in cursive. Maggie can't read the notes, but she suspects some of them are about her. Now she *really* has a problem!

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

At the tail end of summer, Evan discovers that his younger sister, Jessie, who has just skipped third grade, will be not just in his grade, but in his fourth-grade classroom. Normally buddies, they find themselves at odds over trifles and increasingly determined to earn more money than the other before school starts. Lemonade stands, entrepreneurial schemes, and dirty tricks find their way into the competition before Evan and Jessie fess up to the concerns that are really worrying them. Each chapter begins with a business-oriented definition such as "underselling: pricing the same goods for less than the competition," and the book ends with a poster entitled "Ten Tips for Turning Lemons into Loot." However, the basics of economics take a backseat to Evan and Jessie's realizations about themselves and their relationship.

Activity: After reading Muggie Maggie and The Lemonade War come prepared with a list of questions about what you read.

Required: One book from the following choice of authors

- David Adler
- Matt Christopher
- Beverly Cleary
- Ellen Conford
- Debbie Dadey
- Paula Danziger
- Patricia Reilly Giff
- Suzy Kline
- Mary Pope Osborne
- E.B. White

Note to Parents: To clarify there will be a total of 3 required books.

***If your child has difficulty reading any of these books, please read with them.**

We hope you enjoy these books. Have a safe and happy summer!

STUDENTS ENTERING FOURTH GRADE

SCIENCE

Required: Read a Biography of your choice on an Inventor.

LANGUAGE ARTS/READING

Read one of the following required books before the first day of school.

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Travel Team by Mike Lupica

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence Richard Atwater

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

SOCIAL STUDIES

Required: Read a Biography of your choice on an American President.

***Note to Parents: To clarify there will be a total of 3 required books.**

STUDENTS ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

SOCIAL STUDIES

Required: Choose one of the following and read before the first day of school.

The Pueblo by Charlotte and David Yue

Learn about the Pueblo peoples of the Southwest before the Europeans came to the Americas.

Forgotten Voyager: The Story of Amerigo Vespucci
by Anne Fitzpatrick Alper

Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison by Lois Lenski

Taken by the Seneca when she was 12 years old, Mary Jemison learns to care for the Indians. Will she return to her if she has the chance?

The Fighting Ground by Avi

In this story 13 year old Jonathan seeks the glories of war and finds that he must fight several battles within himself.

Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson

The story of Scheherazade the mare that changed the course of American history. Once a loyal member of the King's army and then destined for the glue factory, "Sherry" is saved by Sam Adams and enlisted by none other than Paul Revere!

READING/ENGLISH

Required: Read two books from the following list before the first day of school.

Kira, Kira by Cynthia Kadohata

In Cynthia Kadohata's lively, lovely, funny and sad novel -- winner of the 2005 Newbery Medal -- the Japanese-American Takeshima family moves from Iowa to Georgia in the 1950s when Katie, the narrator, is just in kindergarten. Though her parents endure grueling conditions and impossible hours in the non-unionized poultry plant and hatchery where they work, they somehow manage to create a loving, stable home for their three children: Lynn, Katie, and Sammy. Katie's trust in, and admiration for, her older sister Lynn never falters, even when her sisterly advice doesn't seem to make sense. Lynn teaches her about everything from how the sky, the ocean, and people's eyes are special to the injustice of racial prejudice.

The Kind of Friends We Used to Be by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Kate and Marylin are best friends forever....

Well, except for last year when they weren't friends anymore....

And except for this year when they both want to be friends again, but just don't know how. But the thing is, even as they are trying to fix their broken friendship, they are becoming more and more unlike. And that's becoming harder and harder to deal with. Well, it would be a lot easier if Kate would just take some of Marylin's fashion advice. Ballet flats would look so much better than those big black combat boots. But Kate doesn't want to be feminine. She wants to learn guitar and write her own songs; she wants to be the exact opposite of the middle-school cheerleaders. And maybe if Marylin would just stick up for herself and not get bullied by Mazie (the Meanest Cheerleader Ever) into judging anyone who's the least bit different, Marylin and Kate could be real friends again.

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Twelve-year-old Catherine has conflicting feelings about her younger brother, David, who is autistic. While she loves him, she is also embarrassed by his behavior and feels neglected by their parents. In an effort to keep life on an even keel, Catherine creates rules for him (It's okay to hug Mom but

not the clerk at the video store). Each chapter title is also a rule, and lots more are interspersed throughout the book. When Kristi moves in next door, Catherine hopes that the girl will become a friend, but is anxious about her reaction to David. Then Catherine meets and befriends Jason, a nonverbal paraplegic who uses a book of pictures to communicate, she begins to understand that normal is difficult, and perhaps unnecessary, to define. Rules of behavior are less important than acceptance of others.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Jess Aarons and Leslie Burke are friends and inseparable. It doesn't matter to Jess that Leslie dresses funny or that her family has a lot of money, but no T.V. Leslie has imagination. Together she and Jess create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits. Then one morning a terrible tragedy occurs. Only when he comes to grips with this tragedy does he understand the strength and courage Leslie has given him.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

In the Pacific there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it, blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea elephants and sea birds abound. Once, Indians also lived on the island. And when they left and sailed to the east, one young girl was left behind.

This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away. But while she waited, she kept herself alive by building shelter, making weapons, finding food, and fighting her enemies, the wild dogs. It is not only an unusual adventure of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.

Heat by Mike Lupica

Danny is a basketball fanatic. He is smart, talented, fast, and dedicated, but short. When he fails to make the seventh-grade travel team, he also fails to follow in the footsteps of his legendary father, Richie Walker, who led his own 12-year-old team to win the nationals and whose career was tragically ended by a car accident. Danny, who lives with his warm and supportive

mom, has a somewhat stilted relationship with his less-reliable father. Danny did not make the squad because of the machinations of Richie's childhood nemesis, Mr. Ross, a controlling man who is determined to build a winning team.

Travel Team by Mike Lupica

Mr. Ross cuts seventh-grader Danny from the basketball team, claiming that he's too short, but people speculate that the enmity between Ross and Danny's father, a divorced ex-NBA player, lies behind the rebuff. Danny and his father start their own team in retaliation, but Danny finds himself forced to assume the coaching duties when unexpected problems crop up...

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter

Knowing they'll need more than that to be ready, 12-year-old benchwarmer Tom enlists gruff loner Dante del Gato, a renowned Major Leaguer who suddenly quit the game, as trainer. While local boosters turn the tumbledown practice field into a rolling fiesta, and eager reporters gather to watch, Tom and his fellow Wildcats find themselves playing better than they ever thought they could--good thing, too, as Cruz, his work done, disappears on game day, propelling Tom into the lineup for last-inning heroics.

Island Series by Gordon Korman

Island I: Shipwreck by Gordon Korman

Six kids. One fate. They didn't want to be on the boat in the first place. They were sent there as a character-building experience. But now the adults are gone, the quest for survival has begun.

Island II: Survival by Gordon Korman

Six kids. One deserted island. After their ship sinks, Luke, Ian, J.J., Charla, Will, and Lyssa must find a way to survive. They have no food and very few supplies. They think they're all alone — but they're not. And that's even worse.

Island III: Escape by Gordon Korman

Luke, Charla, Will, Lyssa, J.J., and Ian aren't alone on their desert island. They've survived so far — but now their enemies are closing in. They have only one chance to escape. Will they make it?

Note to Parents: To clarify there will be a total of 3 required books.

STUDENTS ENTERING SIXTH GRADE

READING/ENGLISH

Required: Choose one from the following:

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

In this sequel to A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO (A Newbery Honor Book in 1999), set during the Great Depression, 15-year-old Mary Alice leaves her Chicago home to spend a year with her feisty --- and often funny -- Grandma Dowdel in Grandma's small Illinois town. As the connected stories in this book unfold, Mary Alice comes to see the warm and loving side of her eccentric relative, and readers meet a cast of characters they won't soon forget.

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Montgomery Ward

When Anne Shirley arrives at Green Gables, she hopes it will be the place she can call home. It's everything she's ever dreamed of! So when Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert tell her they were expecting a boy orphan - someone strong enough to help out around their farm - Anne despairs. Is it her flaming red hair they don't like? Or her matching temper? Or her nonstop chatter? If only they'd give her a chance to mend her ways. But Spunky Anne has a knack for getting into mischief - as much as she has for spreading happiness all around her. She's unique. She's Anne of Green Gables

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Mary Lennox is sent from India to live with her uncle, she is a disagreeable child because no one has ever really cared for her. At first, she finds life in a big house in Yorkshire strange and lonely but, gradually, the people she meets and, above all, the secret garden that she discovers transform not only her life but the lives of all who surround her.

The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg

A powerhouse sixth-grade Academic Bowl team from Epiphany Middle School; the art of calligraphy; the retirees of Century Village, Florida; a

genius dog named Ginger; and a holiday production of "Annie" all figure heavily in the latest book by E. L. Konigsburg. The new book centers around a group of four brilliant, shy 12-year-olds and the tea party they have each Saturday morning. Konigsburg's wacky erudition and her knack for offbeat characters make this a funny and endearing story of friendship.

O Pioneers by Willa Cather

Alexandra came from a hardy pioneer clan. Over the protests of her traditionally minded brothers, their dying father wills her, not them, the family homestead. With an iron will she resolves to wrest a prosperous enterprise from the unforgiving Nebraska soil. With her bold spirit and intelligence, she must survive tragedy and hardship to keep her family together and tame the wild land she loves.

Activity: Keep a journal listing and briefly describing main characters and setting. After completing novel and journal include a brief plot summary of the novel as a whole.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Required:

Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler (*Student version - soft cover*)
ISBN 13: 978-0-06-051117-3

An illustrated journey for kids through the greatest stories ever told. An absorbing road trip that brings Scripture to life, with history, archaeology and science. Kids also will get a timely window into the Mideastern cultures in today's headlines.

Assignment: Must be read by the first day of school. Discussion and project will be done in-class.

RELIGION

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

During World War II, Peter, Edmund, Lucy and Susan are sent to live with an old Professor in the country. There they discover a mysterious land Narnia beyond the wardrobe. There, their adventure begins.

Students should keep a reading journal that contains a brief summary of each chapter. The journal should be a composition notebook. Remember neatness counts!

** During this thematic unit Christian character traits will be explored.

Note to Parents: To clarify there will be a total of 3 required books.

STUDENTS ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

RELIGION

Required for the first week of school:

Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis

Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy are returning to boarding school when they are summoned from the train station by Susan's magic horn to return to the land of Narnia, the land they ruled as kings and queens and where their help is desperately needed again!

Students should come to class prepared to discuss three spiritual insights.

**During this thematic unit the virtues and the Christian symbolism portrayed in this novel will be explored.

LANGUAGE ARTS

GRADE 7: REQUIRED READING

1. Required: ~~Read the following book~~ before the first day of school.

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (Newberry Medal Winner)

Eleven-year-old Elijah is the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Canada, a settlement of runaway slaves just over the border from Detroit. He's best known in his hometown as the boy who made a memorable impression on Frederick Douglass. But things change when a former slave steals money from Elijah's friend, who has been saving to buy his family out of captivity in the South. Elijah embarks on a dangerous journey to America in pursuit of the thief, and he discovers firsthand the unimaginable horrors of the life his parents fled—a life from which he'll always be free, if he can find the courage to get back home.

2. Required: Any novel of your choice. Be prepared to present and discuss your choice the first week of school.

To clarify- a total of 3 books must be read.

STUDENTS ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

RELIGION

Joshua A Parable for Today by Joseph F. Girzone

When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation.

What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after Joshua's visit, recovered completely.

Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the community's doubts, the local religious leaders confront Joshua.

Assignment:

Prepare a (3 to 4) page book summary and include the following:

1. Title page - State the Title and Author, you may include a picture which can be taken off the internet or drawn by hand. (counts as part of the 3 to 4 pages.)
2. Describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, and WHERE of the story.
3. Identify 2 major events of the story and explain why they were important.
4. What impressed you most about Joshua's story. State your reasons

Your report must be typed, double-space, Times New Roman, Font 12. Spelling and grammar will count.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Required:

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

A lot of professors give talks titled "*The Last Lecture*." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

Assignment: Must be read by the first day of school. This book will be used throughout the school year to promote the social importance of community outreach, social conscience and the importance of gratitude toward life. Discussion and in-class projects will also be incorporated.

LANGUAGE ARTS: REQUIRED READING

Required: Read the following book before the first day of school. Selected activity will be given the first week of school.

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Set in the small Southern town of Maycomb, Alabama, during the Depression, *To Kill a Mockingbird* follows three years in the life of 8-year-old Scout Finch, her brother, Jem, and their father, Atticus--three years punctuated by the arrest and eventual trial of a young black man unjustly accused of a crime he did not commit. Though her story explores big themes, Harper Lee chooses to tell it through the eyes of a child. The result is a tough and tender novel of race, class, justice, and the pain of growing up.