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Dear Parents and Students Entering Grades 2-5,

I hope that your summer has been off to a great start. Please find below the summer reading assignments from your teachers. You must complete the assignment for the grade that you are going in to, not the grade you have completed. **All assignments should be scanned and e-mailed to the teacher indicated below.** If your children have completed their summer reading assignments and are still eager for more to read, please refer to the list of further recommendations at the end of this document. Happy reading!

With Love in Christ,
Mary Najjarian, Principal

2nd Grade:

Students are required to read **three** of the following books:

- *Owl at Home* (Arnold Lobel)
- *Winnie the Pooh* (A.A. Milne)
- *A Bear Called Paddington* (Peggy Fortnum)
- Any of the *Madeline* series (Ludwig Bemelman)
- Any of the *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* Series (Betty MacDonald)
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* (Arnold Lobel)
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* (Margery Williams)
- *The Hundred Dresses* (Eleanor Estes)
- *Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?* (Jean Fritz)
- *Make Way for Ducklings* (Robert McCloskey)
- *Amelia Bedelia* (Peggy Parish)

There is no writing assignment for those going into 2nd Grade.

3rd Grade:

There will be two reading assignments this summer. Please read **two** of the following books:

- Any of the *Amelia Bedelia* series by (Peggy Parish)
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (Florence and Richard Atwater)
- *Mary Poppins* (P. L. Travers)
- *The Cricket in Times Square* (George Selden)

- *Ramona the Brave* (Beverly Cleary)
- *Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* (Donald J. Sobol)
- *Pippi Longstocking* (Astrid Lindgren)
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (Patricia MacLachlan)
- *The Sword in the Tree* (Clyde Bulla)
- *Peter Pan* (unabridged) (James Barrie)
- *The Borrowers* (Mary Norton)
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Roald Dahl)

For each book you read, please write a three-paragraph expository essay to describe your three favorite parts of the story. Please give several reasons to explain why each was a favorite part of the story.

The first essay is due **Friday, July 21st**

The second essay is due **Friday, August 25th**

Please e-mail all essays to mholland@stjohnsacademysf.org

4th Grade:

There will be two reading assignments this summer. Please read two of the following books:

- *Farmer Boy* by Laura Engles Wilder
- *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman
- *On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Laura Engles Wilder
- *By the Shores of Silver Lake* by Laura Engles Wilder
- *The Long Winter* by Laura Engles Wilder
- *These Happy Golden Years* by Laura Engles Wilder
- *Pollyanna* by Eleanor H. Porter
- *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White
- *Stuart Little* by E.B. White
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson
- *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri

For each book you read, you must write an essay. Using four paragraphs, 1) introduce the story you read, 2) summarize what happened in the story (five sentences minimum), 3) explain what you liked most about the story (five sentences minimum), and 4) conclude your essay.

The first essay is due **Friday, July 21st**.

The second essay is due **Friday, August 25th**.

E-mail essays to jparamonov@stjohnsacademysf.org

5th Grade:

There will be two reading assignments this summer. For the first assignment, please read one of the following books:

- Any of the *Wizard of Oz* series by Frank Baum
- *The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare

- *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *Mr. Revere and I* by Robert Lawson

The first assignment is to write an essay about the book you read. Using four paragraphs, 1) introduce the story you read, 2) summarize what happened in the story (seven sentences minimum), 3) explain what you liked most about the story (five sentences minimum), and 4) conclude your essay.

Also – choose 5 paragraphs from the book you chose to read that describe a character, the setting, or is a dialogue between characters. Copy the paragraph from the book into a journal. Bring to class on the first day of school.

The first assignment is due **Friday, July 21st**. Please e-mail the essay to jparamonov@stjohnsacademysf.org.

The second assignment:

Choose 3 poems from any of the following collections of poems. The poems you choose do not need to all be from the same volume.

- *Child's Garden of Verse* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Favorite Poems of Childhood* by Philip Smith
- *When We Were Very Young* by A.A. Milne

For each poem you choose, write 5 sentences describing the picture that you get in your mind from the poem and explain which words from the poem give you that image. 1-2 sentences should also explain what you like best about the poem. Choose one of the three poems to read out loud to the class at the beginning of the school year.

The second assignment is due **Friday, August 25th**. Please e-mail the assignment to jparamonov@stjohnsacademysf.org

Further Recommendations

2nd Grade:

- The Emperor's New Clothes, retold and illustrated by Virginia Lee Burton
- Beauty and the Beast, retold and illustrated by Jan Brett (Clarion Books) or by Charles Lamb
- Hansel and Gretel, by Grimm, retold by Rika Lesser, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky
- Puss in Boots, by Charles Perrault, translated by Malcolm Arthur, illustrated by Fred Marcellino
- Rapunzel, original Grimm story or retelling by Amy Ehrlich, illustrated by Kris Waldherr
- Rumpelstiltskin, original Grimm story or retelling by Paul O. Zelinsky
- Sleeping Beauty, retold and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman or Mercer Mayer
- Snow White, translated by Randall Jarrell, illustrated by Nancy E. Burkert
- Cinderella, by Perrault, retold by Marcia Brown
- The Princess and the Pea, by Hans Christian Andersen, illustrated by Dorothee Duntze
- Little Red Riding Hood, retold and illustrated by Trina Schart
- Little Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China, retold by Ed Young
- The Blind Men and the Elephant, retold by Karen Backstein
- The Little Match Girl, by Hans Christian Andersen, retold by Jerry Pinkney
- The Snow Queen, by Hans Christian Andersen
- The Shoemaker and the Elves, by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
- King Midas and the Golden Touch, Charlotte Craft, Kinuko Craft

3rd Grade:

- Castle Diary, The Journal of Tobias Burgess, Richard Platt
- The Minstrel in the Tower, Gloria Skurzynski
- White Stallion of Lipizza, Margueritte Henry
- Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy (unabridged editions)
- Granny's Wonderful Chair, Frances Brown
- The Little Prince or The Pied Piper of Hamelin, retelling by Dorothy Hautzig

4th Grade:

- The Courage of Sarah Noble
- A Wonder Book for Boys and Girls, Nathaniel Hawthorne
- The Aeneid for Boys and Girls, Alfred J. Church
- Heroes of Chivalry and Romance, Alfred J. Church
- Bambi, Felix Salten
- Wilbur and Orville Wright, by A. Stevenson
- Centerburg Tales, by Robert McCloskey
- Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, and Trumpet of the Swan, by E.B. White
- Hans Brinker (unabridged edition), by Mary Mapes Dodge
- Lassie Come Home, by Eric Knight
- Tales and Stories by Hans Christian Andersen, by Hans Christian Andersen
- The Arabian Nights Entertainments , (and other stories) by Andrew Lang (Editor)

One of *Childhood of Famous Americans* (series of books) Titles Include:

- *Abraham Lincoln*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Albert Einstein*, by Marie Hammontree
- *Annie Oakley*, by Ellen Wilson
- *Ben Franklin*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Betsy Ross*, by Ann Weil
- *Buffalo Bill*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Clara Barton*, by Augusta Stevenson

- *Sacagarwea*, by Flora Warren Seymour
- *Teddy Roosevelt*, by Edd Winfield Parks
- *Daniel Boone*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Davy Crockett*, by Aileen Wells Parks
- *Elizabeth Blackwell*, by Joanne Landers Henry
- *George Washington*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Geronimo*, by George Edward Stanley
- *Henry Ford*, by Hazel B. Aird
- *Laura Ingalls Wilder*, by Beatrice Gormley
- *Louisa May Alcott*, by Beatrice Gormley
- *Martha Washington*, by Jean Brown Wagoner
- *Mary Todd Lincoln*, by Katharine E. Wilkie
- *Meriwether Lewis*, by Charlotta M. Bebenroth
- *Paul Revere*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Pocahontas*, by Leslie Gourse
- *Robert E. Lee*, by Helen Albee Monsell
- *Sitting Bull*, by Augusta Stevenson
- *Susan B. Anthony*, by Helen Albee Monsell
- *Thomas Edison*, by Sue Guthridge
- *Tom Jefferson*, by Helen Albee Monsell

5th Grade

- *An Old-Fashioned Girl*, by Louisa May Alcott
- *Anne of Green Gables*, by L. M. Montgomery
- *Blue Willow*; and *Hercales*, by Doris Gates
- *Caddie Woodlawn*, by Carol Ryrie Brink
- *Cricket on the Hearth*, by Charles Dickens
- *Heidi*, by Johanna Spyri, Books of Wonder translation recommended - ISBN: 0-688-14519-1; *The Whole Story* edition, Viking Press - ISBN: 0-670-86987-2 - good supplemental book - contains only the first 14 chapters.
- *Homer Price*, by Robert McCloskey
- *James Herriot's Treasury for Children*, by James Herriot (St. Martin's Press)
- *Juniper Tree and Other Tales from Grimm*, by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
- *Pinocchio*, (complete and unabridged edition) by Carol Collodi
- *Phantom Tollbooth*, by Juster Norton
- *Strawberry Girl*; and *Judy's Journey*, by Lois Lensky
- *The Happy Prince*, by Oscar Wilde
- *The Gift of the Magi*, by O. Henry
- *The Nutcracker: A Story and A Ballet*, by Ellen Switzer
- *The Perilous Road*; and *Winter Danger*; and *Flaming Arrows*, (historical fiction) by William O. Steele
- *The Rose Round*, by Meriol Trevor (and other books published by Bethlehem Books
www.bethlehembooks.com)
- *The Story of Dr. Dolittle*, by Hugh Lofting
- *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, (and sequels), by L. Frank Baum (original editions at www.booksof wonder.com)