

# St. Theresa School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Summer Reading and Recitation List 2018



### Reading:

*Please choose and read at least one book each month of June and July, and the selected book for August. There will be a test or writing exercise on the August text when you come back to school in September. Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at Palatine Public Library!*

### Select and read two (2) – one in June and one in July:

Title	Author	Lex	Summary
A Certain Small Shepherd	Caudill, Rebecca	590	The heartrending story of a young Appalachian boy, born mute, who speaks for the first time ever to a young couple and their newborn baby, who have taken refuge from a blizzard in a nearby church.
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The	Twain, Mark	990	The story of a teenage misfit who finds himself floating on a raft down the Mississippi River with an escaping slave, Jim. In the course of their perilous journey, Huck and Jim meet adventure, danger, and a cast of characters who are sometimes menacing and often hilarious.
Benjamin Franklin	D'Aulaire, Ingri		Biography of Benjamin Franklin
Boy Who Held Back the Sea, The	Locker, Thomas	960	Jan had never done anything more heroic than shout for the guard because he'd imagined he'd seen a sea serpent. But when Jan discovered water trickling through a desolate stretch of the dike that protected his low-lying village, he knew he had to act fast.
By the Great Horn Spoon!	Fleischman, Sid	730	Jack's aunt is forced to sell her beloved mansion to meet her debts. She is still unable to raise enough money to pay her creditors, and twelve-year-old Jack goes to California in search of gold to help her. Joined by his trusty butler, Praiseworthy, Jack finds adventure and trouble at every turn. Will Jack strike gold in San Francisco or come home empty-handed?
Chocolate Touch, The	Catling, Patrick Skene	770	If he could, John Midas would eat nothing but chocolate all the time, and he'd never share it with anyone. Then one day, John finds a strange coin on the sidewalk and uses it to buy a box of chocolate at a mysterious new candy store. Suddenly, everything John's lips touch turns to chocolate! Chocolate toothpaste is is great, but things get complicated when John can't play the trumpet or bob for apples. Worst of all, he forgets and kisses his mother!
Civil War on Sunday	Osborne, Mary Pope	340	Canon fire! That's what Jack and Annie hear when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to the time of the American Civil War. There they meet a famous nurse named Clara Barton and do their best to help wounded soldiers. It is their hardest journey in time yet—and the one that will make the <i>most</i> difference to their own lives!
Cricket in Times Square, The	Selden, George	780	Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He thought he'd seen it all. But he's never met a cricket before, which really isn't surprising, because, along with his friend Harry Cat, Tucker lives in the very heart of New York City—the Times Square subway station. Chester Cricket never intended to leave his Connecticut meadow. He'd be there still if he hadn't followed the entrancing aroma of liverwurst right into someone's picnic basket. Now, like any tourist in the city, he wants to look around. And he could not have found two better guides—and friends—than Tucker and Harry. The trio have many adventures—from taking in the sights and sounds of Broadway to escaping a smoky fire.

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Fisherman and His Wife, The	Grimm Brothers	770	The Brothers Grimm story of the kind fisherman who catches an enchanted fish, and his greedy wife who always wants more.
Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi	DePaola, Tomie		In lively prose and folksy paintings, Tomie dePaola gives a glimpse into the life of Francis of Assisi. After witnessing his father disrespect a beggar, Francis comes to forsake his worldly possessions and travel from village to village helping the poor and sheltering animals. dePaola's recognizable artistic style and episodic telling of events in the life of Francis are accessible to young readers, and the humble tales of the lives of the saints are told with tenderness and reverence.
Frog Wore Red Suspenders, The	Prelutsky, Jack		Twenty-eight rollicking rhymes from the undisputed master of hilarious verse for children,
Gift of the Magi, The	Henry, O.	870	A short story, about a young married couple and how they deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other with very little money. As a sentimental story with a moral lesson about gift-giving, it has been a popular one for adaptation, especially for presentation during the Christmas season.
Homer Price	McCloskey, Robert	1000	Welcome to Centerburg! Where you can win a hundred dollars by eating all the doughnuts you want; where houses are built in a day; and where a boy named Homer Price can foil four slick bandits using nothing but his wits and pet skunk.
I'll Meet You At the Cucumbers	Moorek, Lilian	550	Adam Mouse loves the country more than anything. No one could ever make him leave the beautiful blossoms and ripe vegetable gardens of the country. No one except Amanda. Amanda is Adam's city pen pal. So, when Amanda invites him to the city for her birthday, Adam decides to go. She picks a spot at the farmer's market. "I'll meet you at the cucumbers," she writes. With Junius Mouse as his guide, Adam sneaks aboard a farmer's truck bound for the city and so begins the biggest adventure of his life. It is a journey filled with excitement, wonder, and danger. But the biggest surprise of all waits for Adam in the city library, when Amanda shows him that the thoughts he has been writing to her are actually poems. Adam is a poet -- and he didn't even know it!
Indian in the Cupboard, The	Banks, Lynne Reid	780	It's Omri's birthday, but all he gets from his best friend, Patrick, is a little plastic Indian brave. Trying to hide his disappointment, Omri puts the Indian in a metal cupboard and locks the door with a mysterious skeleton key that once belonged to his great-grandmother. Little does Omri know that by turning the key, he will transform his ordinary plastic Indian into a real live man from an altogether different time and place! Omri and the tiny warrior called Little Bear could hardly be more different, yet soon the two forge a very special friendship.
James and the Giant Peach	Dahl, Roald	870	After James Henry Trotter's parents are tragically eaten by a rhinoceros, he goes to live with his two horrible aunts, Spiker and Sponge. Life there is no fun, until James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree and strange things start to happen. The peach at the top of the tree begins to grow, and before long it's as big as a house. Inside, James meets a bunch of oversized friends—Grasshopper, Centipede, Ladybug, and more. With a snip of the stem, the peach starts rolling away, and the great adventure begins!
John Henry: An American Legend	Keats, Ezra Jack		A biography of the American legend John Henry and the railroads.

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Little House in the Big Woods	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	930	Told from four-year-old Laura's point of view, this story begins in 1871 in a little log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Laura lives in the little house with her Pa, her Ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and their trusty dog, Jack.
Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind	Davidson, Margaret	510	A poignant story of the man who developed the Braille system of printing for the blind.
Marie Curie: Brave Scientist	Brandt, Keith	700	A Biography of Marie Curie.
Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara	450	The touching story tells how recent immigrant Molly leads her third-grade class to discover that it takes all kinds of pilgrims to make a Thanksgiving.
More Perfect Than the Moon	MacLachlan, Patricia	420	Cassie spends her days watching Grandfather and Caleb in the barn, looking out at Papa working the fields, spying on her mother, Sarah, feeding the goslings. She's an observer, a writer, a storyteller. Everything is as it should be. But change is inevitable, even on the prairie. Something new is expected, and Sarah says it will be the perfect gift. Cassie isn't so sure. But just as life changes, people change too. And Cassie learns that unexpected surprises can bring great joy.
Mouse and the Motorcycle, The	Cleary, Beverly	860	When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith's red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Whether dodging a rowdy terrier or keeping his nosy cousins away from his new wheels, Ralph has a lot going on! And with a pal like Keith always looking out for him, there's nothing this little mouse can't handle.
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater, Richard	910	Poor Mr. Popper has always dreamed of traveling to the Antarctic. He writes a letter to the famous Admiral Drake, who in return sends him a male penguin. Soon after, the admiral sends a female penguin, and the two penguins have 10 babies! How will the Poppers support their penguin family?
Native American Doctor, The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte	Ferris, Jeri	1110	A biography of the young Omaha Indian woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school.
Pocahontas	D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire		Biography of Pocahontas
Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia	560	Set in the late nineteenth century and told from young Anna's point of view, <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> tells the story of how Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton comes from Maine to the prairie to answer Papa's advertisement for a wife and mother. Before Sarah arrives, Anna and her younger brother, Caleb, wait and wonder. Will Sarah be nice? Will she sing? Will she stay?
Sasha and the Wolfcub	Jungman, Ann		Lost in the woods during a snowstorm, Sasha finds an empty cabin. But in the shadows lurks a wolf cub. Becoming friends is easy for Sasha and Ferdy, but staying friends is not-the villagers insist wolves are cruel and dangerous. Can Sasha and Ferdy prove them wrong? Cozy black-and-white illustrations enliven this atmospheric tale of an unusual friendship.

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Snow Treasure	McSwigan, Marie	690	In the bleak winter of 1940, Nazi troops parachuted into Peter Lindstrom's tiny Norwegian village and held it captive. Nobody thought the Nazis could be defeated—until Uncle Victor told Peter how the children could fool the enemy. It was a dangerous plan. They had to slip past Nazi guards with nine million dollars in gold hidden on their sleds. It meant risking their country's treasure—and their lives.
Spy in the Sky	Karr, Kathleen	320	When Thaddeus Lowe and his balloon fall from the sky, Ridley Jones' life was forever changed as he was asked to become Lowe's assistant and help launch the Balloon Corp for President Lincoln. Simultaneous.
Stuart Little	White, E.B.	920	Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George, and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's also a true lover of adventure.
Sword in the Tree, The	Bulla, Clyde Robert	380	In the days of King Arthur there stood a mighty oak tree within the walls of a castle. Peace reigned in the castle until the fearsome night when Lionel, long lost brother of Lord Weldon, returned to cause trouble and unhappiness. It was then that Shan, the son of Lord Weldon, took on the duties of a knight and hid the sword in the hollow of the giant oak. The days that followed were filled with adventures that tried the courage of the young boy.
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy	470	Life with his little brother, two-year-old Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Fudge is actually a tiny terror in disguise, causing mischief everywhere he goes. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here!
Teddy Roosevelt: Young Rough Rider	Parks, Edd Winfield	460	Focuses on the childhood of the dynamic president, describing how Teddy worked hard to improve his poor health and developed a lifelong interest in nature and the conservation of natural resources.
Wild Robot	Brown, Peter	740	When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. When she tries to care for an orphaned gosling, the other animals finally decide to help, and the island starts to feel like home. Until one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

## Read in August:

Title	Author	Lex	Summary
Ramona the Pest	Cleary, Beverly	850	Ramona Quimby is excited to start kindergarten. No longer does she have to watch her older sister, Beezus, ride the bus to school with all the big kids. She's finally old enough to do it too! Then she gets into trouble for pulling her classmate's boingy curls during recess. Even worse, her crush rejects her in front of everyone. Beezus says Ramona needs to quit being a pest, but how can she stop if she never was trying to be one in the first place?

## Recitation:

Please learn from memory one of the selected poems and the Prayer of St. Francis. You will be asked to recite both during the first week of school.

### Poems

#### **The Song of Mr. Toad** by Kenneth Grahame

The world has held great Heroes,  
As history-books have showed;  
But never a name to go down to fame  
Compared with that of Toad  
The clever men at Oxford  
Know all that there is to be knowed.  
But they none of them knew one half as much  
As intelligent Mr Toad!  
The animals sat in the Ark and cried,  
Their tears in torrents flowed.  
Who was it said, "There's land ahead?"  
Encouraging Mr Toad!  
The Army all saluted  
As they marched along the road.  
Was it the King? Or Kitchener?  
No. It was Mr Toad!  
The Queen and her Ladies-in-waiting  
Sat at the window and sewed.  
She cried, "Look! who's that handsome man?"  
They answered, "Mr Toad."

#### **A Red, Red Rose** by Robert Burns

O my Luv'e's like a red, red rose,  
That's newly sprung in June:  
O my Luv'e's like the melodie,  
That's sweetly play'd in tune.  
As fair art thou, my bonie lass,  
So deep in luv'e am I;  
And I will luv'e thee still, my dear,  
Till a' the seas gang dry.  
Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;  
And I will luv'e thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run.  
And fare-thee-weel, my only Luv'e!  
And fare-thee-weel, a while!  
And I will come again, my Luv'e,  
Tho' 'twere ten thousand mile!

#### **Ozymandias** by Percy Shelley

I met a traveller from an antique land  
Who said: "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone  
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,  
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,  
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless  
things,  
The hand that mocked them and the heart that  
fed.  
And on the pedestal these words appear --  
'My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:  
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away."

### **Poor Old Lady** by Anon

Poor old lady, she swallowed a fly.  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly.  
Poor old lady, I think she'll die.  
Poor old lady, she swallowed a spider.  
It squirmed and wriggled and turned inside her.  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly.  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly.  
Poor old lady, I think she'll die.  
Poor old lady, she swallowed a bird.  
How absurd! She swallowed a bird.  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider,  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly.  
Poor old lady, I think she'll die.  
Poor old lady, she swallowed a cat.  
Think of that! She swallowed a cat.  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider.  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly.  
Poor old lady, I think she'll die.  
Poor old lady, she swallowed a dog.  
She went the whole hog when she swallowed the dog.  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat.  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider.  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly,  
I don't know why she swallowed a fly.  
Poor old lady, I think she'll die.  
Poor old lady, she swallowed a cow.  
I don't know how she swallowed a cow.  
She swallowed the cow to catch the dog.  
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat.  
She swallowed the cat to catch the bird.  
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider.  
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly, I don't know  
why she swallowed a fly.  
Poor old lady, I think she'll die.  
Poor old lady, she swallowed a horse.  
She died, of course.

### **A dog is A Dog** by T. S. Eliot

Now dogs pretend they like to fight;  
They often bark, more seldom bite;  
But yet a Dog is, on the whole,  
What you would call a simple soul.  
Of course I'm not including Pekes,  
And such fantastic canine freaks.  
The usual Dog about the Town  
Is much inclined to play the clown  
And far from showing too much pride  
Is frequently undignified.  
He's very easily taken in-  
Just chuck him underneath the chin  
Or slap his back or shake his paw,  
And he will gambol and guffaw.  
He's such an easy-going lout,  
He'll answer any hail or shout.

Again I must remind you that  
A Dog's a Dog - A CAT'S A CAT.

### **Where the Sidewalk Ends** by Shel Silverstein

There is a place where the sidewalk ends  
And before the street begins,  
And there the grass grows soft and white,  
And there the sun burns crimson bright,  
And there the moon-bird rests from his flight  
To cool in the peppermint wind.

Let us leave this place where the smoke blows  
black  
And the dark street winds and bends.  
Past the pits where the asphalt flowers grow  
We shall walk with a walk that is measured and  
slow,  
And watch where the chalk-white arrows go  
To the place where the sidewalk ends.

Yes we'll walk with a walk that is measured and  
slow,  
And we'll go where the chalk-white arrows go,  
For the children, they mark, and the children,  
they know  
The place where the sidewalk ends.

## Prayer

### **Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where  
there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt,  
faith; where there is despair, hope; where there  
is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console; to be  
understood as to understand; to be loved as to  
love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying  
that we are born again to eternal life.