

St. Theresa School 5th 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:

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| A Dog Called Kitty | Wallace, Bill | 710 | The puppy was small and fuzzy, with a friendly, wagging tail -- and Ricky was afraid of him! No wonder, since he was attacked by a dog when he was just a baby. So when a stray puppy comes sniffing around the farm, Ricky tells it to get lost. But the puppy keeps trying to play with Ricky. And every time Ricky's Mom feeds the cats, the little dog comes running. The cats aren't sharing their food, however, and the poor pup is slowly starving. If Ricky doesn't overcome his fear, the little puppy may die -- but if he lets himself get close enough to feed it, he may find the best friend he's ever had! |
| Amelia's War | Rinaldi, Ann | 580 | When a Confederate general threatens to burn Hagerstown, Maryland, unless the town pays an exorbitant ransom, twelve-year-old Amelia and her friend Josh find a way to save the town. |
| Because of Winn-Dixie | DiCamillo, Kate | 610 | One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries -- and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie. |
| Big Wave, The | Buck, Pearl S | 790 | Kino lives on a farm on the side of a mountain in Japan. His friend, Jiya, lives in a fishing village below. Everyone, including Kino and Jiya, has heard of the big wave. No one suspects it will wipe out the whole village and Jiya's family, too. As Jiya struggles to overcome his sorrow, he understands it is in the presence of danger that one learns to be brave, and to appreciate how wonderful life can be. The famous story of a Japanese boy who must face life after escaping the tidal wave destruction of his family and village. |
| Book of Three | Alexander, Lloyd | 770 | Taran, The Assistant Pig-Keeper, longs to be a hero. He begins his journey with a strange assortment of companions on a dangerous mission to save his beloved land, Prydain. Packed with action, humor, romance, and gallantry, Taran's adventures chronicle his beloved Prydain and his battle with the forces of evil. |
| Bud, Not Buddy | Curtis, Christopher Paul | 950 | Bud's faith in finding his father against all odds is inspiring and funny. |
| Buffalo Hunt | Freedman, Russell | 1000 | Freedman presents not a story or description of one hunt but descriptions of the many ways that buffalo hunts were made by Indians, and later by the whites whose ferocious, firearm slaughter of the "shaggies" as they were called brought the species to near extinction. |

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| Cabin Faced West, The | Fritz, Jean | 860 | Ann Hamilton's family has moved to the western frontier of Pennsylvania, and she misses her old home in Gettysburg. There are no girls her age on Hamilton Hill, and life is hard. But when the Hamiltons survive a terrible storm and receive a surprise visit from George Washington, Ann realizes that pioneer life is exciting and special. |
| Caddie Woodlawn | Brink, Carol R. | 890 | Children everywhere will love redheaded Caddie with her penchant for pranks. Scarcely out of one scrape before she is into another, she refuses to be a "lady," preferring instead to run the woods with her brothers. Whether she is crossing the lake on a raft, visiting an Indian camp, or listening to the tales of the circuit rider, Caddie's adventures provide an exciting and authentic picture of life on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s. |
| Carry On, Mr. Bowditch | Latham, Jean Lee | 570 | Nat may have been slight of build, but no one guessed that he had the persistence and determination to master sea navigation in the days when men sailed only by "log, lead, and lookout." Nat's long hours of study and observation, collected in his famous work, <i>The American Practical Navigator</i> (also known as the "Sailors' Bible"), stunned the sailing community and made him a New England hero. |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Dahl, Roald | 810 | But only five lucky children will be allowed inside. And the winners are: Augustus Gloop, an enormously fat boy whose hobby is eating; Veruca Salt, a spoiled-rotten brat whose parents are wrapped around her little finger; Violet Beauregarde, a dim-witted gum-chewer with the fastest jaws around; Mike Teavee, a toy pistol-toting gangster-in-training who is obsessed with television; and Charlie Bucket, Our Hero, a boy who is honest and kind, brave and true, and good and ready for the wildest time of his life! |
| Dear Mr. Henshaw | Cleary, Beverly | 910 | After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's life forever. |
| Dogger | Hughes, Shirley | 480 | When Dave loses his favorite toy, Dogger, he is very sad. But when Dogger turns up for sale at the neighborhood fair, everything seems alright—until someone else buys him before Dave can get the money! |
| Falling Up | Silverstein, Shel | | Poor Screamin' Millie is just one of the unforgettable characters in this wondrous new book of poems and drawings by the creator of <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> and <i>A Light in the Attic</i> . Here you will also meet Allison Beals and her twenty-five eels; Danny O'Dare, the dancin' bear; the Human Balloon; and Headphone Harold. |
| Farmer Boy | Wilder, Laura Ingalls | 930 | While Laura Ingalls grows up in a little house on the western prairie, Almanzo Wilder is living on a big farm in New York State. Almanzo and his brother and sisters work at their chores from dawn to supper most days -- no matter what the weather. There is still time for fun, though, especially with the horses, which Almanzo loves more than anything. |
| Harriet the Spy | Fitzhugh, Louise | 760 | Harriet M. Welsch is a spy. In her notebook, she writes down everything she knows about everyone, even her classmates and her best friends. Then Harriet loses track of her notebook, and it ends up in the wrong hands. Before she can stop them, her friends have read the always truthful, sometimes awful things she's written about each of them. Will Harriet find a way to put her life and her friendships back together? |

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| Holes | Sachar, Louis | 660 | Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good, dirty-rotten, pig-stealing great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes. |
| House of Dies Drear | Hamilton, Virginia | 670 | The house held secrets, Thomas knew, even before he first saw it looming gray and massive on its ledge of rock. It had a century-old legend -- two fugitive slaves had been killed by bounty hunters after leaving its passageways, and Dies Drear himself, the abolitionist who had made the house into a station on the Underground Railroad, had been murdered there. The ghosts of the three were said to walk its rooms.... |
| Hundred Dresses, The | Estes, Eleanor | 870 | At the heart of the story is Wanda Petronski, a Polish girl in a Connecticut school who is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. Wanda claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't and bullies her mercilessly. The class feels terrible when Wanda is pulled out of the school, but by that time it's too late for apologies. Maddie, one of Wanda's classmates, ultimately decides that she is "never going to stand by and say nothing again." |
| Incident at Hawk's Hill | Eckert, Allan W. | 1200 | Six-year-old Ben is very small for his age, and gets along better with animals than people. One June day in 1870, Ben wanders away from his home on Hawk's Hill and disappears into the waving prairie grass. This is the story of how a shy, lonely boy survives for months in the wilds and forges a bond with a female badger. |
| Incredible Journey, The | Burnford, Sheila | 1320 | Instinct told them that the way home lay to the west. And so the doughty young Labrador retriever, the roguish bull terrier and the indomitable Siamese set out through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, they would soon have died. But, together, the three house pets faced starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals to make their way home to the family they love. |
| Introducing Michelangelo | Richmond, Robin | | Highlighted by full-color reproductions of Michelangelo's masterpieces, this study provides young readers with a close-up look at the life and work of one of the world's greatest artists. |
| Johnny Tremain | Forbes, Esther | 840 | Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper, The Boston Observer, and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington. |
| Kitchen Knight: A Tale of King Arthur, The | Hodges, Margaret | | Retells the first part of "The Tale of Sir Gareth of Orkney"--one of the most exciting and entertaining of the stories about King Arthur and his knights--which first appeared in Sir Thomas Malory's Le Morte D'Arthur. The noble Gareth vanquishes the dreaded Knight of the Red Plain and wins the hand of a fair maiden in this classic for children. |
| Lassie Come Home | Knight Eric | 780 | Lassie is Joe's prize collie and constant companion. But when Joe's father loses his job, Lassie must be sold. Three times she escapes from her new owner, and three times she returns home to Joe, until finally she is taken to the remotest part of Scotland—too far a journey for any dog to make alone . . . But Lassie is not just any dog. |

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| Little Match Girl, The | Anderson, Hans Christian | 470 | Classic tale of a little girl's dying dreams. |
| People Who Have Helped the World: Marie Curie | Birch, Beverly | | Biography of Marie Curie |
| Run Away Home | McKissak, Patricia | 810 | This story is set in the 1800s. It's about a girl named Sarah Jane Crossman. Sarah's father was an African slave and her mother is part Seminole Indian. Though slavery has ended, many people in the book are still prejudiced against people like Sarah and her parents. The Crossmans and an American Indian teen named Sky fight for their rights. Read this book for a peek into the past. |
| Shiloh | Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds | 890 | When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight—and also big trouble. It turns out the dog, which Marty names Shiloh, belongs to Judd Travers, who drinks too much and has a gun—and abuses his dogs. So when Shiloh runs away from Judd to Marty, Marty just has to hide him and protect him from Judd. But Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger. How far will Marty have to go to make Shiloh his? |
| Slave Dancer, The | Fox, Paula | 970 | One day, thirteen-year-old Jessie Bollier is earning pennies playing his fife on the docks of New Orleans; the next, he is kidnapped and thrown aboard a slave ship, where his job is to provide music while shackled slaves "dance" to keep their muscles strong and their bodies profitable. As the endless voyage continues, Jessie grows increasingly sickened by the greed, brutality, and inhumanity of the slave trade, but nothing prepares him for the ultimate horror he will witness before his nightmare ends -- a horror that will change his life forever. |
| 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. |
| The Apple and the Arrow: The Legend of William Tell | Buff, Mary and Conrad. | 750 | Walter is the twelve-year-old son of William Tell, the greatest bowman in the land of Uri. Walter lives happily in the remote heights of the Alpine Mountains, caring for his family's goat herd and practicing his marksmanship in the hopes of making his father proud. Walter's peaceful life is shaken as his country enters a revolution, and Walter must carry a secret that could threaten the life of the father he loves so dearly. |
| The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy | Colum, Padraic | | Travel back to a mythical time when Achilles, aided by the gods, waged war against the Trojans. And join Odysseus on his journey through murky waters, facing obstacles like the terrifying Scylla and whirring Charybdis, the beautiful enchantress Circe, and the land of the raging Cyclopes. |
| The Olympians: Great Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece | Fisher, Leonard Everett | | Offers brief biographical sketches of the twelve gods and goddesses that reside on Mount Olympus including such information as their Roman names, their parents, and the symbols that represent them. |
| Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys of Jason and Gareth | Alexander, Lloyd | 660 | Imagine discovering that your cat can time travel! |
| View from Saturday, The | Konigsburg, E.L. | 870 | How had Mrs. Olinski chosen her sixth-grade Academic Bowl team? How had she really chosen Noah and Nadia and Ethan and Julian? And why did they make such a good team? It was a surprise to a lot of people |

when Mrs. Olinski's team won the sixth-grade Academic Bowl contest at Epiphany Middle School. It was an even bigger surprise when they beat the seventh grade and the eighth grade, too. And when they went on to even greater victories, everyone began to ask: How did it happen?

Read in August:

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| From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler | Konigsburg, E.L. | 700 | When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run <i>from</i> somewhere she wants to run <i>to</i> somewhere--to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and preferably elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother, Jamie, has money and thus can help her with the serious cash flow problem she invites him along. |

Recitation:

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

Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Amen.

How Do I Love Thee? by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
 For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
 I love thee to the level of every day's
 Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
 I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
 I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
 I love with a passion put to use
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
 I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
 With my lost saints, I love thee with the breath,
 Smiles, tears, of all my life! and, if God choose,
 I shall but love thee better after death.

Jerusalem by William Blake

And did those feet in ancient time
 Walk upon England's mountains green?
 And was the holy Lamb of God
 On England's pleasant pastures seen?
 And did the Countenance Divine
 Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
 And was Jerusalem builded here
 Among these dark Satanic Mills?
 Bring me my bow of burning gold!
 Bring me my arrows of desire!
 Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
 Bring me my chariot of fire!
 I will not cease from mental fight,
 Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
 Till we have built Jerusalem
 In England's green and pleasant land.

Crossing The Bar by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,
 And one clear call for me!
 And may there be no moaning of the bar,
 When I put out to sea,
 But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
 Too full for sound and foam,
 When that which drew from out the boundless
 deep
 Turns again home.
 Twilight and evening bell,
 And after that the dark!
 And may there be no sadness of farewell,
 When I embark;
 For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
 The flood may bear me far,
 I hope to see my Pilot face to face
 When I have crost the bar.

Sick by Shel Silverstein

"I cannot go to school today,"
 Said little Peggy Ann McKay,
 "I have the measles and the mumps,
 A gash, a rash, and purple bumps.
 My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,
 I'm going blind in my right eye.
 My tonsils are as big as rocks,
 I've counted sixteen chicken pox
 And there's one more--that's seventeen,
 And don't you think my face looks green?
 My leg is cut, my eyes are blue--
 It might be instamatic flu.
 I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
 I'm sure that my left leg is broke--
 My hip hurts when I move my chin,
 My belly button's caving in,
 My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
 My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
 My nose is cold, my toes are numb,
 I have a sliver in my thumb.
 My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
 I hardly whisper when I speak.
 My tongue is filling up my mouth,
 I think my hair is falling out.
 My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,
 My temperature is one-o-eight.
 My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
 There is a hole inside my ear.
 I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what?
 What's that? What's that you say?
 You say today is---Saturday?
 G'bye, I'm going out to play!"