

St. Francis Xavier Summer Reading

Everyone looks forward to summer weather, vacations, relaxing, and spending time with family and friends.

However, research has shown that students who read regularly during the summer maintain their reading skills while improving reading fluency. They also learn new vocabulary and concepts. Listed below is the minimum requirement, though it is strongly suggested that children read 4 or more books during the summer to prevent the "summer slide." The students that go above and beyond the recommended number of books will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Summer Reading Expectation

Please choose books on or above grade level

2nd Graders: 4 books

3rd Graders: 3 books

4th Graders: 3 books, 1 point or higher

5th Graders: 3 books, 1 point or higher

6th Graders: 3 books, 1 point or higher

Your child will be expected to take AR tests during the listed summer times below or the first 3 days of school.

SFXE Library Summer Hours

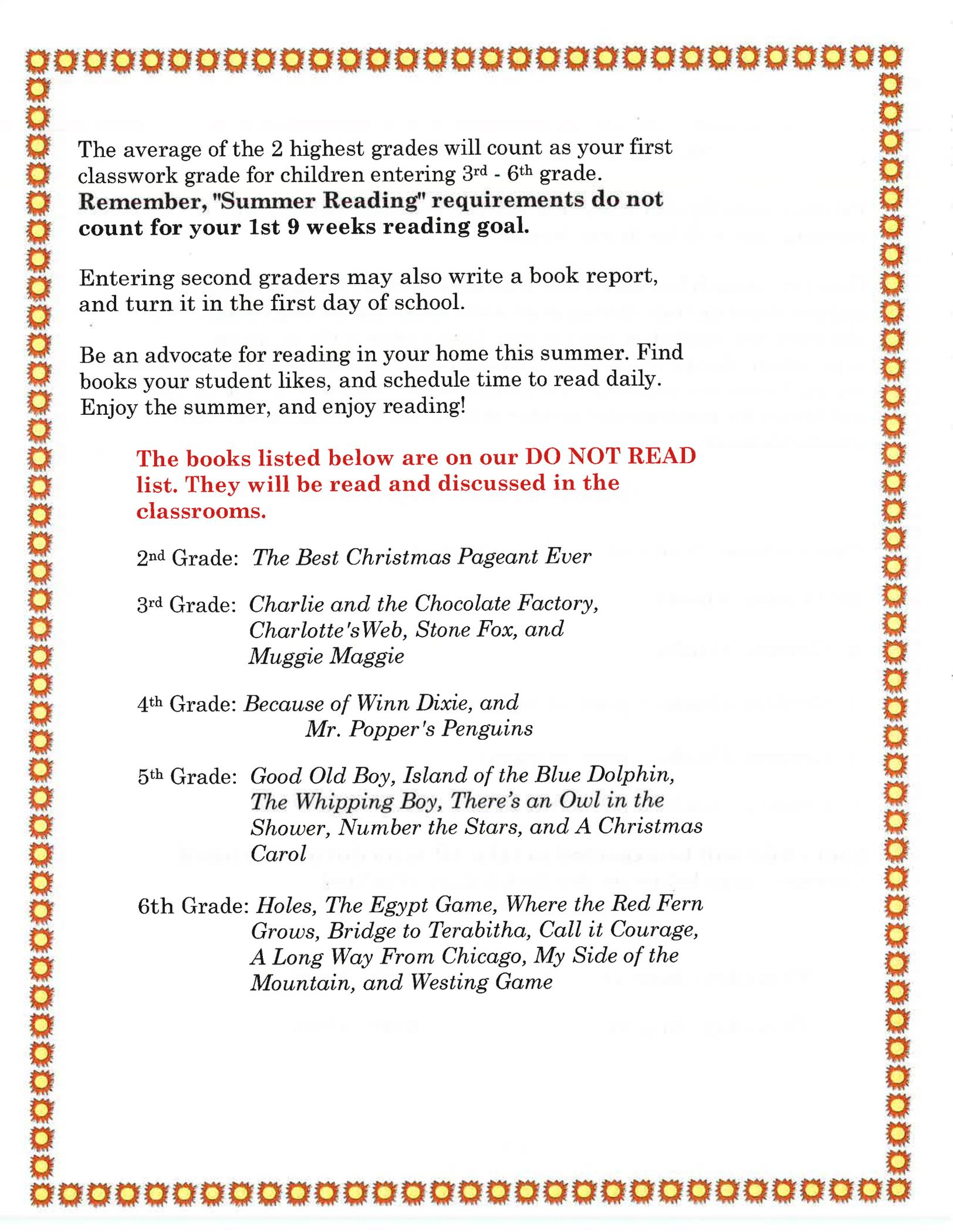
Thursday, June 14

9:00 – 12:00

Thursday, July 19

9:00 – 12:00

OVER



The average of the 2 highest grades will count as your first classwork grade for children entering 3rd - 6th grade.

Remember, "Summer Reading" requirements do not count for your 1st 9 weeks reading goal.

Entering second graders may also write a book report, and turn it in the first day of school.

Be an advocate for reading in your home this summer. Find books your student likes, and schedule time to read daily. Enjoy the summer, and enjoy reading!

The books listed below are on our DO NOT READ list. They will be read and discussed in the classrooms.

2nd Grade: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

3rd Grade: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlotte's Web, Stone Fox, and Muggie Maggie*

4th Grade: *Because of Winn Dixie, and Mr. Popper's Penguins*

5th Grade: *Good Old Boy, Island of the Blue Dolphin, The Whipping Boy, There's an Owl in the Shower, Number the Stars, and A Christmas Carol*

6th Grade: *Holes, The Egypt Game, Where the Red Fern Grows, Bridge to Terabitha, Call it Courage, A Long Way From Chicago, My Side of the Mountain, and Westing Game*

St. Aloysius Summer 2018 Reading List

Everyone looks forward to summer weather, vacations, relaxing and spending time with family and friends. However, summer is an important time for students to keep reading and improve their language skills. Research shows that children who don't read over the summer experience summer learning loss. That's right -- kids don't just feel like they've forgotten some of what they've learned -- they actually do forget it. And the effect is cumulative. This “summer slide” can be avoided by ensuring that students are as engaged as possible in whatever they choose to read—just as long as they’re reading every day.

Minimum summer reading requirements are listed below. All students in grades 7-12 should expect to take a quiz the first week of school on each book assigned as summer reading. These quizzes will be short, about 5 questions each, and will be made up of personal response questions designed to determine if the student has read the book(s). English teachers will then teach the book in-depth in the first weeks of school and a test will be given on the lessons taught in class.

7th Grade

Wonder - R.J. Palacio

8th Grade

The Pearl - John Steinbeck

English I

To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee

Honors English I

To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee

A Separate Peace - John Knowles

English II

The Help - Kathryn Stockett

Honors English II

The Help - Kathryn Stockett

Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck

English III

Where Things Come Back - John Corey Whaley

Honors English III

Where Things Come Back - John Corey Whaley

The Turn of the Screw Henry James

English IV

The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho

Honors English IV

The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho

How to Read Literature Like a Professor -

Thomas Foster

AP Literature and Composition

How to Read Literature Like a Professor -

Thomas Foster

Ethan Frome - Edith Wharton

Children of Men - P.D. James