

Saint Stephen Catholic School

Summer Reading Lists - 2009-10

During the summer students in all grades should read a minimum of three books.

1. The one required selection, which should be read last
2. Two books chosen from the literature selection list
3. Complete a novel analysis for each book. The novel analyses are required and will be collected by the Language Arts teacher the first week of school.

Rising 7th Graders:

REQUIRED: *Tolkien -- The Hobbit: Required unless you have already read this novel.*

A wizard Gandalf invites Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, on an adventure of a lifetime filled with dragons, magic rings, and the struggle between good and evil.

For students who have already read *The Hobbit*:

Lewis -- The Magician's Nephew (prequel to *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)

Digory and Polly discover a secret passage that links their houses, and are tricked into vanishing out of this world and into the World of Charn, where they wake up the evil Queen Jadis. There, they witness the creation of the Land of Narnia, as it is sung into being by the Great Lion, Aslan.

Plus two additional books from the following list:

Barrett -- Lilies of the Field

Lexile 770

A wanderer named Homer Smith pauses in his travels to help some German nuns fulfill their dream of building a church in Arizona.

Barry -- Peter and the Starcatchers

Lexile 770

Aboard the ship "Never Land," a boy named Peter is bound for servitude in the court of King Zarboff the Third. Peter befriends Molly and helps her keep a secret treasure she is transporting, but will they succeed in keeping the cargo away from the pirate Black Stache?

Bitton-Jackson -- I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing up in The Holocaust Lexile 720

The writer tells the true story of coming of age in Hungary during the century's biggest genocide.

Cushman -- The Midwife's Apprentice

Lexile 1240

In medieval England, a homeless girl is taken in by an ill-tempered midwife.

Farmer -- The Eye, the Ear and the Arm

Lexile 660

In a futuristic Africa, three mutant detectives seek missing children.

Gordon -- Tunnels

Lexile 990

In this first book in the "Tunnels" series, fifteen-year-old Will Burrows and his friend Chester discover a hidden underground city when they follow a tunnel they've been digging as part of their search for Will's missing museum- curator father.

Hansen -- Captive! Kofi

Lexile 810

The son of an Ashanti Chief is sold as a slave and ends up in Massachusetts.

Hautzig -- The Endless Steppe

Lexile 940

Autobiography of a Jewish girl whose family was exiled to Siberia during World War II.

Herriot -- All Creatures Great and Small, All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Things Wise and Wonderful, or The Good Lord Made Them Lexile 990, 1070, 990

James Herriot tells the true and funny adventures of his life as a veterinarian in Yorkshire, England.

Juster – The Phantom Tollbooth

Lexile 1000

A boy named Milo is never interested in anything until he takes a magical journey into the land of Wisdom, where he outwits kings and outruns demons to rescue the princesses Rhyme and Reason.

L'Engle -- A Wind in the Door, Swift Tilting Planet

Lexile 790

The Wallace children are involved in rescues from a mysterious planet by time-warping themselves through "a wrinkle in time". You may read one or all of them.

McKinley -- Outlaws of Sherwood

Lexile 1020

Stories of Robin Hood and his band of outlaws.

McKissack – Rebels Against Slavery

Lexile 1020

A collection of true stories about brave African-American rebels who fought against slavery, from Cinque, who pleaded his case before the Supreme Court, to Nat Turner, who led one of the greatest revolts in history.

O'Brien -- Z for Zachariah

Lexile 820

Safe in her radiation-free valley after WWII, Ann Burden thinks she is the last person in the world until the arrival of a stranger.

Paterson -- Come Sing, Jimmy Jo

Lexile 760

An eleven-year-old boy finds both pain and fame as popular singer

Pearl – Four Perfect Pebbles

Lexile 1080

This book provides a factual reflection of the life of a young girl and her family during the Holocaust.

Plotkin -- Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice

Lexile 890

The true story of a Harvard botanist who searches for plants that might have some medical value in the Amazon jungle.

Raskin -- The Westing Game

Lexile 750

Which of the Sunset Tower's crazy tenants killed Samuel Westing, and which will win his millions by uncovering the murderer?

Speare – The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Lexile 850

Orphan Kit Tyler arrives at her aunt's house unannounced after being raised in Barbados, and Kit's Puritan Connecticut neighbors suspect her of witchcraft. Can Kit prove to the town that she isn't a witch before it's too late? This Newbery Medal winner offers a fascinating tale.

Velde – Heir Apparent

Lexile 820

For her fourteenth birthday, Giannine Bellisario receives a gift certificate for Rasmussem Enterprises Gaming Center. She decides to play the game entitled "Heir Apparent" in which she becomes Princess Janine who must claim the crown. But when a protest group gets out of hand, she becomes trapped in the game.