

Santa Cruz Catholic School
2019-2020 Summer Reading and Math Assignments

The summer assignments are a requirement for all students. Please see the appropriate grade level for further instructions and book choices.

Math Assignments

Incoming Grades 1-2

Students are suggested to be on Level 5 of Lexia (for 1st Grade)

Students are suggested to be on Level 9 of Lexia (for 2nd Grade)

Incoming Grades 4-8

Students **are required** to know their Multiplication and Division Times Tables up to 12.

Students should regularly practice using *Mathletics* online.

Reading Assignments

Incoming Junior Kindergarten (4 yr. olds) – 2nd grade:

We ask that these young emergent readers join a local library or bookstore summer reading club. Please encourage non-fiction as well as fiction books to continue to develop all types of reading skills.

Incoming 3rd – 7th grade:

During the first week of school, the teachers will be assessing what was read. These book selections are the required reading and the assessment will be one of the first grades given in the new school year.

Incoming 3rd Grade

Fiction- Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below:

1. *James and the Giant Peach* – Roald Dahl
2. *Little House in the Big Woods* – Laura Ingalls
3. *Stuart Little*- E.B. White
4. *Because of Winn Dixie*- Kate DiCamillo
5. *The BFG* – Roald Dahl
6. *Frindle*- Andrew Clements

Nonfiction: Read **ONE** appropriately challenging autobiography or biography of your choice.

Incoming 4th Grade

Fiction – Please Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below:

1. *The Mysterious Benedict Society* – Trenton Lee Stewart
2. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill
3. *The War That Saved My Life* – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
4. *Ugly* – Robert Hoge
5. *One Crazy Summer* – Rita Williams Garcia
6. *Inside Out and Back Again* – *Thanhha Lai*
7. *Paperboy*- Vince Vawter
8. *The Tiger Rising* – Kate DiCamillo

Nonfiction: Read **ONE** appropriately challenging autobiography or biography of your choice.

Incoming 5th Grade

Fiction – Please Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below:

1. *Olivia and the Little Way* –Nancy Carabio Belanger
2. *The Sign of the Beaver* – Elizabeth George Speare
3. *My Side of the Mountain* – Jean Craighead George
4. *Summer of the Monkeys*- Wilson Rawls

Nonfiction: Read **ONE** appropriately challenging (90 page+) biography of a saint.

(Pauline Books & Media has published the *Encounter the Saints Series*, available at Thriftbooks, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Creedo Catholic Bookstore. This series is geared for 5th grade readers.)

Link for ThriftBooks.com who sells gently used books at super prices

*(Since finding this source, I have been saving loads of money on my book purchases!):

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/browse/?b.search=encounter%20the%20saints%20series#b.s=mostPopular-desc&b.p=1&b.pp=30&b.oos&b.tile>

Incoming 6th Grade:

Rules - Cynthia Lord

The Phantom Tollbooth - Norton Juster

Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech

Maniac Magee - Jerry Spinelli

The Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth George

Mississippi Bridge - Mildred Taylor

Incoming 7th Grade:

A Wind in the Door - Madeline L'Engle

The Mighty Miss Malone - Christopher Paul Curtis

The House on Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros

Brian's Winter - Gary Paulsen

Charley Skedaddle - Patricia Beatty

Smile - Raina Telgemeier

Incoming 6th & 7th Grades: Choose **ONE** book from the given list to read in its entirety.

Incoming 8th Grade:

Fiction – Please Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below:

1. **Little Women** - Louisa May Alcott
2. **Charley Skedaddle** - Patricia Beatty
3. **A Wind in the Door** - Madeline L'Engle (Author of A Wrinkle in Time)
4. **That Was Then, This is Now** - S.E. Hinton (8th Grade ONLY)
5. **White Fang** - Jack London
6. **The Hobbit** - J.R.R. Tolkien
7. **The Lord of the Rings Trilogy (Book 1: The Fellowship of the Ring, Book 2: The Two Towers, Book 3: The Return of the King)** - J.R.R. Tolkien
8. **The Contender** - Robert Lipsyte
9. **Banner in the Sky** - James Ramsey Ullman
10. **The House on Mango Street** – Sandra Cisneros (Contains adult themes)
11. **Lord of the Flies** – William Golding
12. **The Hate U Give (THUG)** – Angie Thomas (Contains Adult Language and Themes)
13. **The Book Thief** – Markus Zusak
14. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian** – Sherman Alexie (Contains some adult language)

Fiction List 2 – Please Select **ONE** of the novels from the list below:

1. **Redwall** – Brian Jacques
2. **Sarah Bishop** - Scott O'Dell
3. **Love, Ruby Lavender** - Deborah Wiles
4. **The Good Bad Boy: The Diary of an Eighth Grade Boy** – Father Gerald Brennan

5. ***Don't You Know There's a War On?*** – James Stevenson
6. ***Land of the Buffalo Bones*** – Marion Dane Bauer
7. ***Pay it Forward*** – Catherine Ryan Hyde
8. ***Love That Dog*** – Sharon Creech
9. ***While No One Was Watching*** – Jane Leslie Conly
10. ***And Then There Were None*** – Agatha Christie
11. ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*** – Maya Angelou (Contains Adult Themes)
12. ***I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*** – Erika Sanchez (Contains Adult Language and Themes)
13. ***Persepolis*** – Marjane Satrapi (8th only)
14. ***The Hunger Games*** – Suzanne Collins