



SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

2017 SUMMER READING—GRADES 4 and 5

Students entering grades 4 – 8 will participate in summer reading prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. All students will be reading one book. Because we want summer reading to be enjoyable as possible, students will be able to choose their book from the following list!

Students will be assessed on their knowledge of the book within the first few days of school.

You may purchase titles from most book stores, including Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. All titles are also available for check out from the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system.

Incoming students in grades 4 and 5 will read one choice from the 2018 Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award List.

4th and 5th grade choices from the Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award List

Choose ONE book from the following list to read for summer reading.

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate (author of *The One and Only Ivan*), 256 pages.

A gentle story about how a young boy copes with his family's financial issues and hardships. Through the trust of a true friend and Crenshaw, the imaginary cat, Jackson learns coping strategies, the power of friendship, and how to make hard choices.

The Doublecross: And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy by Jackson Pearce, 304 pages.

Hale Jordan, son of the spy agency Sub Rosa Society's two most decorated agents, wants to follow in their footsteps. Being chubby means not many people believe in Hale, but after his parents go missing, Hale must use his spy skills to figure out what happened and save them. The first in what will surely become a favorite series for those who love an underdog.

Ellie's Story by W. Bruce Cameron, 208 pages.

Ellie is a German Shepard who is training to become a search-and-rescue dog. The story is written in Ellie's point of view, showing her journey from a puppy to a dog, not only helpful in search-and-rescue missions, but as a source of comfort for her owners as well.

Finding Serendipity by Angelica Banks, 288 pages.

Tuesday must set off on an adventure inside storybooks to find her missing mother, famous author Serendipity Smith. With the help of her dog Baxterr and her mother's most famous character Vivienne, Tuesday encounters magic at every turn on the way to finding her mother.

Flunked by Jen Calonita, 256 pages.

Twelve-year-old Gilly is sent to Fairy Tale Reform School after pickpocketing. The fairytale "bad guys" have realized the error of their ways and opened the reform school to help prevent children in the fairytale world from becoming evil. While Gilly navigates through Fairy Tale Reform School, she learns the value of being good and that she may have more in common with the royals than she thinks. Any student who enjoys the Descendants and Isle of the Lost will love this book.

Fort by Cynthia DeFelice, 208 pages.

When two older boys mess with Wyatt and Augie's fort in the woods, the two boys launch "Operation Doom," against the bullies. The boys are also motivated by how the bullies treat a neighborhood boy with disabilities, and vow to get justice for all who the bullies treat wrongly. Wyatt and Augie's plans lead them in all sorts of directions, and not all of them are what the boys had planned.

Ratscalibur by Josh Lieb, 192 pages.

After being turned into a rat, soon-to-be seventh grader Joey must deliver a message to the rat kingdom, sent by Joey's former pet rat Gondorff. On his adventure, Joey pulls out Ratscalibur, a spork stuck in a scone. Joey must then head out on a quest to save the rat kingdom Ravalon and to return to his human form. This hilarious riff on Arthurian legend will delight even reluctant readers.

The Terrible Two (Book 1) by Mac Barnett and Jory John, 224 pages.

Miles is the best prankster in school, so naturally when he moves to Yawnee Valley, he intends to be its best prankster too. Problem is, Yawnee Valley- known for its large cow populations- already has a number one prankster. In this hilarious adventure riddled with funny cow facts, the two pranksters need to decide whether to team up or declare war. The boys' shenanigans and the cartoon illustrations keep readers laughing throughout the story.