

St. Joseph Academy REQUIRED Summer Reading List

Incoming 1st Grade students of St. Joseph Academy must choose **two of the following books** to read over the summer and do the activity described below.

Please read two of the following books from the list below.

Activity: Make a bookmark using a 3x5 index card. Please include the title, author, and draw a picture of your favorite character. (Parents - If your child struggles with 5 or more words on a page, it is too difficult a level.)

Please turn in your bookmarks on the first day of school to Miss Deaton.

First Grade Approved Book List:

Bible Stories and Catholic Stories:

- *First Children's Bible* (available at www.setonbooks.com)
- *First Book of Saints* (available at www.setonbooks.com)
- *Catholic Stories for Boys and Girls, Volume 1* (available at www.neumannpress.com)
- *Stories Told By Mother Teresa*, by Drummond, Le Joly & Chaliha
- *Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland*, by Tomie dePaola
- *Saint Francis*, by Brian Wildsmith (detailed illustrations, simple text)
- *Mary: The Mother of Jesus*, by Tomie dePaola
- *Old Testament Rhymes*, Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson (available at www.neumannpress.com)
- *A Child's Rule of Life*, Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson (available at www.neumannpress.com)

Tales and Legends:

- *How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have? and Other Tales*, retold by Julius Lester
- *In a Circle Long Ago: A Treasury of Native Lore from North America*, retold by Nancy Van Laan
- *The Story of Jumping Mouse*, retold and illustrated by John Steptoe
- *The Story of Johnny Appleseed*, retold and illustrated by Alike



Easy Readers:

- *Adventures of Frog and Toad*, by Arnold Lobel (www.barnesandnoble.com)
- *Adventures of Little Bear*, by Else Holmelund Minarik (www.barnesandnoble.com)
- *Adventures of Amelia Bedelia*, by Peggy Parish (www.barnesandnoble.com)
- *A Bargain For Francis*, by Russell Hoban

Dr. Seuss Beginner Books

The simple stories containing phonetic word patterns enforce phonetic concepts. First Grade level titles include: *Hop On Pop*; *The Cat in the Hat*; *Green Eggs and Ham*; *Fox in Socks*; *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*; *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut*; *I Wish That I Had Duck Feet*; *Oh, Say Can You Say*; *Oh the Things You Can Think*; *There's No Place Like Space*; *On Beyond Bugs*; *Fine Feathered Friends*; *All About Birds*; *Is a Camel a Mammal? All About Mammals*; *Ten Apples Up on Top* (by Theodore LeSeig) (www.seussville.com)

Classic Books:

- Classic Short Stories Adapted by Paul Galdone (Clarion Books). Titles include: *The Elves and the Shoemaker*; *Jack and the Beanstalk*; *Little Red Hen*; *Rumpelstiltskin*; *The Three Bears*; *The Three Little Pigs*; *The Gingerbread Boy*.
- *Hailstones and Halibut Bones*, poems by Mary O'Neill
- *Raggedy Ann Stories*, by Johnny Gruelle (unabridged edition)
- *Raggedy Andy Stories*, by Johnny Gruelle (unabridged edition)
- *Stuart Little*, E.B. White
- *The Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit*, retold by Julius Lester