

2018-2019



Fifth Grade – Summer Reading Requirements

St. Andrew the Apostle School

“There is ample evidence that one of the major differences between poor and good readers is the difference in the quantity of total time they spend reading.”

- National Reading Panel, 2000

Required Reading:

1. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

All fifth grade students are required to read the historical fiction novel *Number the Stars*. This book won the Newbery Medal for most distinguished children’s book in 1990. Each student should bring his/her copy of *Number the Stars* to school in August. We will spend the first two weeks of school discussing this book.

2. Newbery or Honor Book

All students will choose another Newbery Award or Newbery Honor book (other than *Number the Stars*) to read. They will prepare an **oral** book report for the first week of school. **Prepare a large poster** to use as a prop while speaking. Please include title, author, setting, main characters, plot, and whether or not you would recommend this book to a friend. Be creative! The presentation should be approximately two minutes in length. Be ready to present your book report on the second day of school.

“So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall.”

- Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Other Suggested Reading:

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry

The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson

Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception by Wendelin Van Draanen

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall

Savvy by Ingrid Law

Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

Wright 3 by Blue Balliet

Wonder by R. J. Palacio