



## JCS Summer Reading Assignments 2020

### Grades 2 - 6

#### **Rising Into Second Grade**

Required Reading – choose three books

Any of the “Cam Jansen” series by David A. Adler

Any of the “Nate the Great” series by Marjorie Sharmat

Any of the “Henry and Mudge” series by Cynthia Rylant

Any of the “Mercy Watson” series by Kate DiCamillo

Any of the “Big Nate” series by Lincoln Peirce

Suggested for the Advanced Reader

Any of the “Geronimo Stilton” or “Thea Stilton” series by Geronimo Stilton

Any of the “Magic Tree House” series by Mary Pope Osborne

Any of the “A to Z” Mysteries” series by Ron Roy

Any of the “Horrible Harry” series by Suzy Kline

#### **Rising Into Third Grade**

Required Reading – choose three books

Any of the “Boxcar Children” series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Any of the “Magic Tree House” series by Mary Pope Osborne

Any of the “Horrible Harry” series by Suzy Kline

Any of the “A to Z Mystery” series by Ron Roy

Any of the “Amber Brown” series by Paula Danzinger

Any of the “Stink” series by Megan McDonald

Any of the “Geronimo Stilton” or “Thea Stilton” series by Geronimo Stilton

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Suggested for the Advanced Reader

Any of the “Puppy Patrol” series by Jenny Dale

Any of the Matt Christopher sports series

Any of the “Clementine” series by Sara Pennypacker

Any of the “I Survived” series by Lauren Tarshis



## Rising Into Fourth Grade

Read at least 2 chapter books of your choice (parent approved of course) each containing at least 100 pages. You will need 2 paragraphs for each book. Each paragraph should address one of the 6 response choices below. Paragraphs should include the date of your entry, and your response that is thoughtfully prepared using complete sentences. Remember that a well written paragraph is at least 5 sentences. You must read books that you have not previously read.

### Suggestions for reading if you need help

(No comic books, please)

Any of the “Wings of Fire” series

Any of the Matt Christopher sports series

Any of the Box Car series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Any of the “Hardy Boys” series by Franklin W. Dixon

Any of the “American Girl” series

Any of the “Shark Wars” by EJ Altbacker

Any of the “I Survived” series by Lauren Tarshis

Any of the “Who Was”, “What Was” or “What is” nonfiction selections.

### Some stand-alone titles are:

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin -

Otherwise Known as Possum by Maria D. Laso

The Someday Birds by Sally J. Pla

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate



### Response Choices:

<p>If you had to take one of the characters in your book on a family vacation, who would you take? Why? Where would you go?</p>	<p>In your story, name one character who made a poor choice. What was that choice? What should the character have done differently? If the character had made the right choice, would the book have ended differently? Why?</p>	<p>Think about the author’s purpose for writing this book. What lesson did he/she want you to learn after reading it?</p>
<p>Sometimes characters in stories are not human. The book may be about an animal or some kind of made up life form coming from the author’s imagination. In your book, which character in your story do you most relate to? (Have the most in common with?) Give three reasons how you relate to them.</p>	<p>Authors use words to paint a picture in your mind as you are reading. Pick your favorite part of your book and illustrate what you visualized in your mind. Then write one paragraph explaining how you developed your visualization. Be sure to use specific details from your book.</p>	<p>Pick two characters from your story and compare and contrast them. Include at least two similarities and two difference between them.</p>

*Continue to practice and maintain mastery of multiplication facts 1-12.*

## Rising Into Fifth Grade

Read at least **2 chapter books**. At least one of them should be selected from the following list. Be prepared to make a recommendation or review of your book when you come to school in August. \*\*

1. Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor
2. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
3. Swindle by Gordon Korman
4. Candymakers by Wendy Mass
5. The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
6. 39 Clues by Rick Riordan
7. Holes by Louis Sachar
8. Kingdom's Dawn by Chuck Black

Some favorite 5th grade authors are: Mike Lupica, Tim Green, Gordon Korman, Louis Sachar, Jude Watson, James Riley, Carl Hiaasen, C.S. Lewis, James Patterson, J.K. Rowling,



**\*\*We will be discussing the books in literature circles within the first few weeks of school. You are encouraged to take notes while you are reading\*\***

**Continue to practice and maintain mastery of multiplication facts 1-12.**

## Rising Into Sixth Grade - Summer Assignment

Students entering sixth grade need to read one book from the list below and complete the assignment. Please avoid selecting a book from this list that you have previously read. Instructions:

1. Read the book
2. Write the title of your name (centered) on the first line of a clean sheet of paper. Write your book (centered) on the second line of that same paper. Write the name of the author (centered) on the third line of that same paper.
3. Rate the book by giving it somewhere between 1 and 5 stars. Then, support your rating with a short paragraph that includes at least three reasons the book received that rating.
4. You will then write at least one paragraph for each of the following topics using complete sentences:
  - a. **Main Character:** Introduce one of the main characters and describe him or her using 2-3 character traits. Be sure to support each of the traits with reasons that are supported by the book.
  - b. **Setting:** Describe the setting of the book.
  - c. **Connection:** Write about a personal connection you made with the book.
  - d. **Favorite Part:** Describe an exciting, scary, sad, interesting, or favorite part of the book. Be sure to explain why this was your favorite part.
  - e. **Biblical Lesson:** Write about a biblical lesson or life lesson that can be learned from the book.

## Rising Into Sixth Grade - Reading List

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech  
A Family Apart by Joan Lowery Nixon  
Fever, 1793 by Laurie Anderson  
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
Buddy by M.H. Herlong  
Airborn by Kenneth Oppel  
Ungifted by Gordon Korman  
Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo



Please be ready to discuss your book when we return to school. Happy reading! 😊