

## JCS Summer Reading Assignments 2019 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

Any of the “Hello Reader” –or– “Step into Reading” Level 2 or 3

Any of the Amelia Bedelia picture books by Peggy Parish

Suggested for the Advanced Reader

Any of the “Magic School Bus” *chapter books*

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

Any of the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne

### Rising Into Third Grade

Required Reading – choose three books

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

Any of the “Magic Treehouse” 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”

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

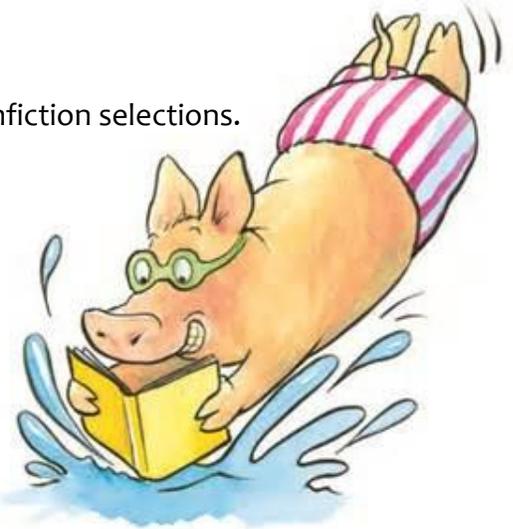
The Someday Birds by Sally J. Pla

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 books from the list** below. You will need **2 paragraph entries for each book**. Each paragraph should address one of the five 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 5-7 sentences. \*\*

1. Holes by Louis Sachar
2. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
3. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
4. Swindle by Gordon Korman
5. The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett



**You are encouraged to read at least 1 more book** of your choice this summer (with a minimum of 150 pages that is not a graphic novel).

Some favorite 5th grade authors are: Gordon Korman, Beverly Cleary, Judy Blume, Louis Sachar, Jude Watson, Wendy Mass, James Riley, James Patterson, Jude Watson, Carl Hiaasen, C.S. Lewis

### Response Choices:

<p>What is the mood (or tone) of the story? Does that affect your mood while reading the story? Does that mood carry over into your life when you are not reading? How?</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 of this story, the way the story is written, and the words that the author chose. Based on these things, is there any evidence to support the author may be a Christian or have some religious beliefs? Why or why not?</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>

**\*\*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\*\***

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## Rising Into Sixth Grade - Summer Assignment

*“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.” – Mary Schmich*

Students entering sixth grade need to read one book from the list below and complete the assignment. Please make certain to not select a book from the list that you’ve previously read.

### Instructions:

1. Read the book
2. Use a notebook (that you’ve purchased from the supply list) and label it: Reading. The notebook can be any color and have any design you want. 😊
3. On the first page in your notebook, write your name and then write the title and author of your chosen book on the heading line.
4. Rate the book from 1-5 stars. Support your rating, have fun and be creative. Remember to give specific reasons and examples from your book for your rating.
5. After your rating, complete in your notebook (writing in complete sentences):
  - a. Introduce one of the main characters and describe him or her using two to three character traits. Please support the traits with reasons that are specific from your book  
Answer:
  - b. The setting is important because...
  - c. A connection I had with the book was...
  - d. Describe an exciting, scary, sad, interesting part of the book and explain why you feel it is that emotion.
  - e. Write three examples of figurative language from the book. Write the whole sentence and include the page number. Use more than one type of figurative language.
  - f. Write an important, meaningful passage from the book and explain how the passage can help a Christ follower live. Please include the page number.

### Rising Into Sixth Grade

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen  
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 Opal  
Ungifted by Gordan Korman  
Zach’s Lie by Roland Smith  
Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo



Please be ready to discuss your book and complete a class assignment when we return to school. Enjoy reading 😊