



# ST. MARY ACADEMY - BAY VIEW

## St. Mary Academy – Bay View Fifth Grade 2018 Summer Reading List

Choose **two books** from the following list and **one book** of your choice (reading level appropriate). Complete the summer reading book report form at the end of this handout for each book. Reading as often as you can this summer is strongly encouraged! Sign the bottom of each book report form and bring them into school by the beginning of September.

- ***Bridge to Terabithia*** by Paterson, Katherine

Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief. RL 4.6

- ***Wishtree*** by Applegate, Katherine

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"--people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. RL 4.6

- ***A Wrinkle in Time*** by L'Engle, Madeleine

Meg and Charles Wallace are not average like their twin siblings; Charles Wallace did not speak until age 4 and, even so, he usually doesn't speak in school; Meg has been placed in the lowest section in all her subjects and believes she is stupid; she thinks she is thin and bad looking. During the story, they both learn about certain hidden gifts they possess and certain ways in which the world misunderstands and undervalues them. This helps them accept themselves. RL 4.7

- ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** by Barnhill, Kelly

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. RL 4.8

- ***Beyond the Bright Sea*** by Wolk, Lauren

Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands off the coast of Massachusetts. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. But it isn't until the night when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered. Using her bravery and perseverance, Crow must follow clues that not only lead to a personal treasure, but to uncovering her lost identity and, ultimately, understanding what it means to be a family. RL 4.8

- ***Echo*** by Ryan, Munoz Pam~

Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.

Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together. And ultimately, pulled by the invisible thread of destiny, their suspenseful solo stories converge in an orchestral crescendo. RL 4.9

- ***M.G. Ferris and His Wheel*** by Gibbs Davis, Kathryn

This fully illustrated picture book biography sheds light on how the American inventor George Ferris defied gravity and seemingly impossible odds to invent the world's most iconic amusement park attraction, the Ferris wheel. RL 5.1

- ***Dovey Coe*** by O'Roark, Francis

When this strong-willed 12-year-old girl is accused of murder in her 1928 North Carolina mining town, she becomes more sensitive to and understanding of others, including her deaf brother. RL 5.4

- ***Hidden Figures : The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*** by Shetterly, Margot Lee

This picture book shares the incredibly inspiring true story of four black women who helped NASA launch men into space. RL 5.8

- ***Real Friends*** by Hale, Shannon

This graphic memoir follows Shannon's life from kindergarten through fifth grade, during which she experiences the joy of making first friends while navigating the tricky waters of cliques, bullies, and the popular crowd. RL 2.6

- ***Three Times Lucky*** by Turnage, Shelia

Rising sixth grader Miss Moses LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, NC, where everyone's business is fair game and no secret is sacred. She washed ashore in a hurricane eleven years ago, and she's been making waves ever since. Although Mo hopes someday to find her "upstream mother," she's found a home with the Colonel--a café owner with a forgotten past of his own--and Miss Lana, the fabulous café hostess. She will protect those she loves with every bit of her strong will and tough attitude. RL 3.9

### **Suggested Series**

- ***A Series of Unfortunate Events*** by Lemony Snicket. RL 6.2 - 6.4
- ***The Book Scavenger Series*** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. RL 5.5
- ***The Chronicles of Narnia*** by C.S Lewis. RL 4.9 - 5.8
- ***Percy Jackson*** by Rick Riordan. RL 4.2 - 4.7
- ***The Mysterious Benedict Series*** by Trenton Lee Stewart. RL 5.6 - 6.3
- ***Royal Diaries Series*** RL 5.0 - 6.0
- ***The Terrible Two*** by Mac Barnett. RL 4.5

Please follow this format when you write your three summer reading book reports:

Name:

Title:

Author:

Describe your favorite character using five adjectives:

Tell about one interesting or exciting event that happened to this character.

Good authors have a purpose for writing their stories. They teach an important lesson or give an entertaining message. What did you learn from reading this book?

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_