

3rd Grade Required Summer Reading List

Ascension Catholic School Students entering the 3rd grade for the 2023-2024 are required to read a novel at their reading level over the summer. The novel can be any genre, but it needs to be a book not previously read and one that is “just right” for them. Student reading levels can be found on their report card in the comments next to their reading grade.

To find a book at your student’s level, you can search online at [Book Wizard](#) or [Booksource](#), check the back of books, or ask at your local bookstore or library. Your student’s level is known as a GRL or guided reading level.

After reading the book, they will need to complete the attached book review form. The review will need to be turned in on the first day of school and credit will be given. If this information gets misplaced, you can also access it on our website <https://acsk8.org/> under Parents / Forms & Lists / 2023-2024 Summer Reading Lists.

If you are new to Ascension Catholic School this year and do not know your child’s guided reading level, please pick a book that is “just right” for them. This means that the book is challenging enough to expand their thinking and learn new vocabulary. They should be able to use different reading strategies rather than only decoding words. If 5 or more words are unknown on a page, then typically the book is too hard.

3rd GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK REVIEW

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

OF PAGES: _____

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

COPYRIGHT: _____

ILLUSTRATOR (IF ANY): _____

TYPE OF BOOK: _____
(i.e., Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction, Mystery, Animal, Fantasy, etc.)

The Setting:

Time: _____

Place: _____

Your opinion of the book (be specific):

The part I enjoyed the most:

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Describe three (3) main characters with two (2) complete sentences per character:

Character #1 Name: _____

Character #2 Name: _____

Character #3 Name: _____

SUMMARY (One paragraph – five (5) to seven (7) complete sentences)

Parent Signature: _____

4th Grade Required Summer Reading List

Ascension Catholic School Students entering the 4th grade for the 2023-2024 school year are required to read a novel at their reading level over the summer. The novel can be any genre, but it needs to be a book not previously read and one that is “just right” for them. Student reading levels can be found on their report card in the comments next to their reading grade.

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4th GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK REVIEW

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

OF PAGES: _____

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

COPYRIGHT: _____

ILLUSTRATOR (IF ANY): _____

TYPE OF BOOK: _____
(i.e., Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction, Mystery, Animal, Fantasy, etc.)

The Setting:

Time: _____

Place: _____

Your opinion of the book (be specific):

The part I enjoyed the most:

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Describe three (3) main characters with two (2) complete sentences per character:

Character #1 Name: _____

Character #2 Name: _____

Character #3 Name: _____

SUMMARY (One paragraph – five (5) to seven (7) complete sentences)

Parent Signature: _____

5th Grade Required Summer Reading List

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5th GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK REVIEW

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

OF PAGES: _____

TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

COPYRIGHT: _____

ILLUSTRATOR (IF ANY): _____

TYPE OF BOOK: _____
(i.e., Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction, Mystery, Animal, Fantasy, etc.)

The Setting:

Time: _____

Place: _____

Your opinion of the book (be specific):

The part I enjoyed the most:

Describe three (3) main characters with two (2) complete sentences per character:

Character #1 Name: _____

Character #2 Name: _____

Character #3 Name: _____

SUMMARY (One paragraph – five (5) to seven (7) complete sentences)

Parent Signature: _____

6th Grade Required Summer Reading List

Ascension Catholic School Students entering the 6th grade for the 2023-2024 school year are required to read two of the following books over the summer. These books may be found on the shelves of mall bookstores or in your public library.

After reading each book, complete the attached book review form for the books of your choosing. Both book reviews should be turned in the first week of school and credit will be given. If this information gets misplaced, you can also access it on our website <https://acsk8.org/> under Parents / Forms & Lists / 2023-2024 Summer Reading Lists.

Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko
A Wrinkle In Time	Madeline L'Engle
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson)	Rick Riordan
Swindle	Gordon Korman
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth George Speare
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech
Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper

The novels which will be taught during 6th grade are *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. **These novels (new or used) must be purchased by the first week of school and given to the ELA teacher to hold until used.** Please put the student's name and homeroom inside the front cover.

4. What is the setting? (Place & time)

5. What part of the book did you enjoy the best?

6. Out of 5 stars, how many stars would you give this book? Explain your rating.

7. In forty (40) words or less, summarize the story. Use the back of this paper to write your summary.

7th Grade Required Summer Reading List

Ascension Catholic School Students entering the 7th grade for the 2023-2024 school year are required to read two (2) of the following books over the summer. These books may be found on the shelves of mall bookstores or in your public library.

After reading each book, complete the attached book review form for the books of your choosing. Both book reviews should be turned in the first week of school and credit will be given. If this information gets misplaced, you can also access it on our website <https://acsk8.org/> under Parents / Forms & Lists / 2023-2024 Summer Reading Lists.

Absolutely Normal Chaos	Sharon Creech
Among the Hidden Shadow Children Book 1	Margaret Haddix
Banner in the Sky	James Ramsey Ullman
Girl, Stolen	April Henry
Inhuman	Kat Falls
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
Love, Ruby Lavender	Deborah Wiles
My Brother Sam is Dead	James and Christopher Collier
Rogue	Lyn Miller – Lachmann
Sarah Bishop	Scott O'Dell
Tandem	Anna Jarzab
The Cay	Theodore Taylor
The Contender	Robert Lipsyte
The Raft	S. A. Bodeen
The Testing	Joelle Charbonneau
Unstoppable	Tim Green
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls

The novels which will be taught during 7th grade will be *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Fobes, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, and *Between Shades of Grey* by Ruta Sepetys. **These novels (new or used) must be purchased by the first week of school and given to the ELA teacher to hold until used.** Please put the student's name and homeroom inside the front cover.

7TH GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK REVIEW

Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

1. **Exposition:** characters, setting, & short beginning

2. **Conflict:** What is the main conflict? Is it internal or external?

3. **Think Critically:** Write about two examples of a character showing problem-solving skills, asking important questions, or looking for evidence rather than believing what someone says. **Include the page number.**
 - 1.

 - 2.

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4. **Acts Responsibly:** Two examples of a character choosing to do the right thing or taking responsibility for his or her actions. **Include the page number.**

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5. **Out of 5 stars, how many stars would you give this book? Explain your rating.**

6. **In forty (40) words or less, summarize the story. Use the back of this paper to write your summary.**

8th Grade Required Summer Reading List

Ascension Catholic School Students entering the 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year are required to read two (2) of the following books over the summer. These books may be found on the shelves of mall bookstores or in your public library.

After reading each book, complete the attached book review form for the books of your choosing. Both book reviews should be turned in the first week of school and credit will be given. If this information gets misplaced, you can also access it on our website <https://acsk8.org/> under Parents / Forms & Lists / 2023-2024 Summer Reading Lists.

The Invention of Wings	Sue Monk Kidd
Izzy, Willy-Nilly	Cynthia Voigt
Million Dollar Throw	Mike Lupica
Mockingbird	Kathryn Erskine
Murder on the Orient Express	Agatha Christie
Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane
Rifles For Watie	Harold Keith
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli
The Help	Kathryn Stockett
The Lost Hero	Rick Riordan
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd
The Story of My Life	Helen Keller
The Thief Lord	Cornelia Funke
The Uglies	Scott Westerfeld
The Wanderer	Sharon Creech

The novel which will be taught during 8th grade is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. **This novel (new or used) must be purchased by the first week of school and given to the ELA teacher to hold until used.**

Please put the student's name and homeroom inside the front cover.

*Ascension School provides copies of other reading materials the 8th grade students will need.

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK REVIEW

Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

1. **Exposition:** characters, setting, & short beginning

2. **Conflict:** What is the main conflict? Is it internal or external?

3. **Think Critically:** Write about two examples of a character showing problem-solving skills, asking important questions, or looking for evidence rather than believing what someone says. **Include the page number.**

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2.

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4. **Acts Responsibly:** Two examples of a character choosing to do the right thing or taking responsibility for his or her actions. **Include the page number.**

1.

2.

5. **Out of 5 stars, how many stars would you give this book? Explain your rating.**

6. **In forty (40) words or less, summarize the story. Use the back of this paper to write your summary.**