

Saints Peter and Paul School

Summer Reading Program

Entering Third Grade

Directions: Students must read the required reading books and complete a summer reading assignment in the fall. We encourage students to read at least one book from the recommended reading list.

Required Reading:

One of Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures Collection by Jeff Brown

Choose one of the following:

The Mount Rushmore Calamity, The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery, The Japanese Ninja Surprise, The Intrepid Canadian Expedition, The Amazing Mexican Secret, The African Safari Discovery, The Flying Chinese Wonders, The Australian Boomerang Bonanza, The U.S. Capital Commotion, Showdown at the Alamo, Framed in France and Escape to California.

Choose any Nonfiction book by Steve Jenkins

Steve Jenkins writes exciting interesting nonfiction for kids. Choose any book from a number of titles. Our favorites are: *What Do I Do With a Tail Like This?; Down, Down, Down; Never Smile at a Monkey; Sisters and Brothers.* Some of these books are available in paperback, and all of them are available at the Amherst Public Libraries.

Recommended Reading:

The Homework Machine, Dan Gutman

An Unlikely foursome is bound together by one big secret: they have discovered a homework machine. Soon people become suspicious, and the four start receiving mysterious instant messages. Has their secret been discovered? What seemed like a wish come true becomes a nightmare in the funny, exciting book.

Third Grade Detective, George E. Stanley (Any book in **the series** of 4)

Everybody loves a good mystery. With these books, *you* become the detective as you read along. Piece together the clues or break the code to solve the mystery puzzling this third grade classroom. Read one and you'll want to read them all! These are shorter books that are easy and fun to read.

Chocolate Touch, Patrick Skene Catling

John Midas loves chocolate more than anything in the world. He loves it with everything and on anything. But when he eats a magical piece of chocolate that turns anything his lips touch into his favorite food, he wonders if there really can be too much of a good thing. Chocolate lovers beware.

Sideways Stories from The Wayside School, Louis Sachar

The Wayside school was supposed to be one story with thirty classrooms; instead it is 30 stories high with one classroom on each floor. What goes on inside is just as peculiar. Students become stuck to their chairs; teachers are turned into apples; mosquito bites are used for teaching math and a pesky ghost is haunting the 13th floor. The writing is fun and descriptive, and each story presents a valuable lesson.

The Magic Finger, Roald Dahl

In *The Magic Finger* the Gregg family loves hunting, but the eight year old girl living next door thinks it is awful. When she discovers that her finger has magical powers, she decides to give the Gregg family a taste of their own medicine. Now they'll know how the ducks feel, complete with wings, nests and hunters!

The World According to Humphrey, Betty G. Birney

A nice substitute teacher brings Humphrey the hamster to class telling the students, "You can learn about yourself caring for another species"--and they do. The class and their families fall in love with the little Hamster who manages to teach courage, discipline and kindness to his caretakers. But when Mrs. Brisbane returns to her class, she is less than thrilled with the new addition; Humphrey the hamster will have to go. We hear the whole story from Humphrey himself--he's the narrator! This is a slightly longer, more challenging book for new readers, but it's well worth the effort. There are several books in this series about Humphrey.

The Stories Julian Tells, Ann Cameron

Julian loves to tell stories. They are magnificent, but they aren't always the truth, and they cause him some big trouble. There are many lessons to be learned from this funny, imaginative boy.

Pippi Longstocking, Astrid Lindgren

Tommy and his sister Annika have a new neighbor, and her name is Pippi Longstocking. She has crazy red pigtails, no parents to tell her what to do, a horse that lives on her porch, and a flair for the outrageous that seems to lead to one adventure after another!