

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Reading

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The primary goal of summer reading is to encourage a love of reading. While middle school students do not have specific required reading during the summer, it is important to sustain a student's reading level by practicing the art of reading. Summer is a great time to read at the beach, relax in a hammock or favorite spot, and enjoy some great books!

Parents are strongly encouraged to research book titles for not only an appropriate book level but more importantly for the content. You know your child best, and you know what you would like your child to read. This can be hard for parents, especially when hidden agendas are being pushed on our children.

One of the best sites for deciphering an appropriate book (or movies, TV, or games) is:
www.commonsemmedia.org

Once there, you can see the overall age level for a book. Then, you can find a specific breakdown for different categories that breaks down levels of appropriateness based on content. You can also read other parents' reviews of books to help determine if the book is a right fit for your child.

Additionally, www.arbookfind.com is a site that will give you specific book reading levels which is helpful. In addition, they use a content rating that is not as comprehensive as Commonsense Media, but their interest levels are useful as a starting point. MG = Middle Grades (appropriate content for 6-8 grade), MG+ (could be appropriate for 7th through 9th grade), and UG (could be appropriate for 8th grade). This is a basic guideline and should not be used as a singular parental guide.

Finally, if the library at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton doesn't have a title, there is probably a good reason for that. Proceed with caution. You can browse the collection at SEAS at this link:
<https://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php>

Finally, here is a list of great books that could be a possibility for your student! Happy summer reading!

6TH GRADE

The One and Only Ivan by Applegate
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E
Frankweiler by Konigsburg
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Mass
Harry Potter Series by Rowling
Percy Jackson Series by Riordan
Treasure Hunters Series by Patterson
The Sisters Grimm Series by Buckley
Alex Rider Series by Horowitz
The Ascendance Series by Nielson
Hatchet by Paulson

7TH GRADE

All of the above books, plus:
Tuesdays with Morrie by Albom
Heaven is for Real by Burpo

Survivor's Club by Bornstein
Unbroken (Youn Adult Adaptation) by Hillenbrand
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Hoose
Towers Falling by Rhodes
Ghost (Track Series) by Reynolds
Crossover by Alexander
The Metropolitans by Goodman
Short by Sloan
Keeper of the Lost Cities Series by Messenger
I Q. Series by Smith
The Michael Vey Series by Evans
Masterminds series by Korman
Mark of the Thief series by Nielson
Alan Gratz, author (any of his books)

8TH GRADE

All of the above books, plus:

Invisible Thread Young Reader adaptation by
Schroff
How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Paulson
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by Swanson
I am a Seal Team Six Warrior by Wasdin
Boys in the Boat for Young Adults by Brown
I Will Always Write Back by Ganda and Alifirenka
Kennedy's Last Days, Lincoln's Last Days, Hitler's
Last Days, and The Last Days of Jesus (all by Bill
O'Reilly)

Margaret Peterson Haddix, author
The Book Thief by Zusak
C. S. Lewis, author
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Sonnenblick