

St. Albert the Great Summer Reading Lists



2024-2025 School Year

Incoming Junior Kindergarteners & Kindergartners

Recommended authors and series:

- Ross Burach (*The Little Butterfly That Could*)
- Eric Carle (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar/The Very Busy Spider*)
- Lois Ehlert (*Planting a Rainbow/Color Zoo*)
- Kevin Henkes (*Owen*)
- Norman Bridwell (*Clifford*)
- James Dean, Eric Litwin (*Pete the Cat*)
- Deborah Diesen (*Pout-Pout Fish*)
- Mercer Mayer (*Little Critter*)
- H. A. Rey (*Curious George*)
- Mo Willems (*Elephant and Piggy/Pigeon*)

Incoming 1st Graders

Recommended authors and series:

- Christopher Denise (*Knight Owl*)
- Ryan T. Higgins (*We Don't Eat Our Classmates*)
- Dan Santat (*After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*)
- Bob Shea (*Chez Bob*)
- Tedd Arnold (*Fly Guy*)
- Alyssa Satin Capucilli (*Biscuit*)
- Arnold Lobel (*Frog and Toad*)
- Barbara O'Connor (*Fancy Nancy*)
- Rob Scotton (*Splat the Cat*)
- Mo Willems (*Elephant and Piggy/Pigeon*)

Incoming 2nd Graders

Recommended authors and series:

- Aaron Blabey (*Bad Guys*)
- Jack Chabert (*Eerie Elementary*)
- Troy Cummings (*The Notebook of Doom*)

- Kate DiCamillo (Mercy Watson)
- Rebecca Elliot (Owl Diaries/Unicorn Diaries)
- Thomas Flintham (Press Start)
- Stephanie Greene (Princess Posey)
- Jory John (Food Group series)
- Victoria Kann (Pinkalicious)
- Jarrett Krosoczka (Lunch Lady)
- Jake Maddox (Jake Maddox sports readers)
- Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Treehouse)
- Barbara Park (Junie B. Jones)
- Dav Pilkey (Dog Man/Cat Kid)

Incoming 3rd Graders

Required: *Flat Stanley His Original Story* by Jeff Brown

Plus, choose one more book to read:

- *Mac Undercover (Mac B., Kid Spy #1)* by Mac Barnett
- *The 13-Story Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths
- *Ranger in Time- Rescue on the Oregon Trail* by Kate Messner

Incoming 4th Graders

Required: *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson

Plus, choose one more book to read:

- *Annie's Life in Lists* by Kristin Mahoney
- OR**
- *Confessions of a Class Clown* by Arianne Costner (Book Bee)

Incoming 5th Graders

Required: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Additional reading suggestions:

- *Just Right Jillian* by Nicole D. Collier (Book Bee)
- *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm (Book Bee)
- *The Unforgettable Logan Foster* by Shawn Peters
- *The Elephant in the Room* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Book Bee)
- *Brave Like That* by Lindsey Stoddard
- *A Comb of Wishes* by Lisa Stringfellow (Book Bee)

Incoming 6th Graders

Required: *Restart* by Gordon Korman

Plus, read at least one more book from this list:

- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

Incoming 7th Graders

Required:

- Girls read *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Boys read *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz

Incoming 8th Graders

Required: *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* by Laura Hillenbrand

Other Reading Ideas:

Kentucky Bluegrass Award Nominee Master Lists, K-2, 3-5, 6-8:

<https://www.kasl.us/kba/kba-nominee-lists>