



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research shows that students tend to score lower on reading and math achievement tests at the end of summer than they did just before summer break. This phenomenon is sometimes called the summer slide.

To promote your child's mind, body, and spirit, St. John teachers are offering an opportunity to continue making growth over the summer towards our school-wide learning expectations.

We are offering the option to complete bingo boards in reading, math, and wellness as a fun way to incentivize summer learning! Complete one row of each bingo board over the summer to win a prize when school resumes in the fall! Mrs. Longton has also provided a summer book list to help you with your endeavors.

Summer Solutions is another way to in beat the summer slide and continue to enrich your studies this summer! Summer Solution workbooks are now available. To order:

1. Go to [www.summersolutions.net](http://www.summersolutions.net)
2. Choose the level that matches your child's current grade level
3. Select your books
4. Make sure to select the Common Core books
5. Enter the school code at checkout JHN98103

Your books will be delivered directly to your home this year. Summer Solutions is a proven winner, helping students to hit the ground running in fall.

If your child is in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, encourage your child to continue using the Achieve 3000 nonfiction reading program. There are many great summer articles that are of high interest for your child. Aim to complete at least two lessons per week.

Enjoy a summer filled with sunshine and growth!

St. John Teachers

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READING

Read a fantasy or a fairy tale	Read in a silly voice	Read your parent's favorite childhood book	Read a newspaper article	Read a book with a number in the title
Read a book about someone you admire	Read five poems	Read to your family at breakfast or dinner	Read books to become an expert in something you love	Read to a grandparent or special friend
Read inside a blanket fort. Use a flashlight!	Read a graphic novel. There are so many to choose from!		Read a book while following along with the audio version	Read a book about food or a cookbook. Bonus: Try out a recipe!
Read a book with a one-word title	Reread your favorite book	Swap a book with a friend	Read a book based on a true story	Read outside for a half hour
Read a magazine article about a topic of interest	Read a book with an animal in it	Read a book to an animal (real or stuffed)	Read one to two articles on Achieve3000 every week	Read a comic book or magazine

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MATH

<p>Do <a href="#">this</a> Paper Folding activity</p>	<p>Play Fraction War! Learn how to <a href="#">here</a></p>	<p>Write multiplication and division problems with chalk outside!</p>	<p>Play Tetris' coolest new version <a href="#">Factris</a></p>	<p>Go on a <a href="#">Fraction Scavenger Hunt</a></p>
<p>Practice your math facts for 5 minutes at least 3 times a week!</p>	<p>Explore place value with <a href="#">exploding some dots!</a></p>	<p>Do this Leo the Rabbit word problem. Provide evidence to justify your thinking</p>	<p>Do <a href="#">this</a> fun Sidewalk Number Line activity</p>	<p>Make your own math test for your parents to take</p>
<p>Challenge yourself to see how far you can get on the <a href="#">Towers of Hanoi</a></p>	<p>Record how long you sleep for each night for a week. Create 2 different types of graph to show the results</p>		<p>Learn a new card game!</p>	<p>Use your ruler to find 5 objects in your house that are exactly 12 inches long</p>
<p>Find the largest bowl in your kitchen. Estimate how many cups it can hold!</p>	<p>Play the <a href="#">Game of Hex</a></p>	<p>Create a maze!</p>	<p>Play the dice game <a href="#">Shut the Box</a></p>	<p>Remove the face cards from a deck of playing cards. Each player chooses 5 cards. Using the order of operations create as many equations as you can that equal 10</p>
<p>Ever wonder how tall that tree is in your back yard? Find out <a href="#">here</a></p>	<p>Play the game <a href="#">How Close to 100</a></p>	<p>Play Make 60. Deal 2 cards per player. Each player multiplies the card values. Dealer asks each player in turn if they want to take another card or stay. The winner is the person closest to 60</p>	<p>Call 3 adults that you know and ask them how they use math in their jobs</p>	<p>Create some mathematical <a href="#">Sidewalk Chalk designs</a></p>

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Write positive messages with chalk on the sidewalk to cheer up people as they walk by	Draw or invent an emoji for how you feel today	Make a poster showing 3 ways to solve a problem with someone (e.g., rock paper scissors)	Get mindful by coloring some <u>mandalas</u>	Make an emotions collage using old magazines
Write down 5 things that make you special and unique	Use this <u>template</u> to interview a family member about their emotions	Go on a mindful nature walk	Write down 3 things you can do to feel better when you feel frustrated	Try a mindfulness video with <u>Mind Yeti</u>
Make a coping skills fortune teller. Find a template <u>here</u> and check out these <u>coping skills ideas</u>	List one strength starting with each letter of your name		Print out these <u>Family Conversation Starters</u> and discuss at dinnertime	Make a comic about kindness
Share the “rose and thorn” (high/low) of your day with a family member	Do something kind for someone else	Start a feelings journal and write about how you’re feeling today	Write down 10 things you are grateful for	Play a game with someone and practice being a good sport if you win or you lose
Sit still and be completely quiet for 1 minute. How many sounds do you hear?	Print and play this <u>Family Talk Social-Emotional Learning Game</u>	Do one thing without being asked that demonstrates your responsibility to your family	Think of a skill you would like to improve. Write down at least 3 steps that would help you move in that direction	Write a poem about empathy

# B I N G O

## Preschool Summer Reading List

At this stage your child is most likely not reading independently, but it is great to model reading to and with them. Ask your child questions about the story, make predictions and find common sight words on the page. Read a variety of different books (picture books, non-fiction, nursery rhymes, favorite characters, poetry). Most importantly foster a love of reading!



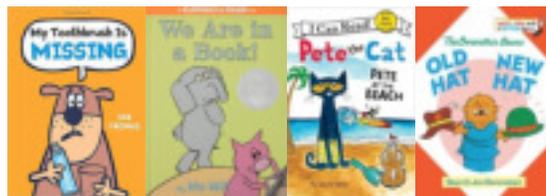
The Seven Silly Eaters By Mary Ann Hoberman  
Blueberries for Sal By Robert McCloskey  
The Wonderful Things You Will Be By Emily Winfield Martin  
Grumpy Monkey BY Suzanne Lang  
Elephant and Piggie Books By Mo Willems



Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae  
The Watermelon Seed By Greg Pizzou  
Fly Guy Series By Tedd Arnold  
Richard Scarry Books  
The Neighborhood Mother Goose By Nina Crews

## Rising 1<sup>st</sup> grade Summer Reading List

At this stage your child may not be reading these books independently, but it is great to model reading to/with them. Have your child find sight words, ask questions to check their understanding and help them find joy in books!



My toothbrush is missing by Jan Thomas (320L)

We are in a Book by Mo Willems (all the Elephant and Piggie books are great!) (180-260L)

Pete the Cat I Can Read Books (210-400L)

Berenstain Bears Old Hat New Hat (30L)



Don't worry, BEE Happy by Ross Burach (350L)

The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat (290L)

Trucktown (Ready to Read) by Dan Scieszka (170-300L)

Slow, slow sloths By Bonnie Bader (460L)

Ready to Read levels 1 and 2

Step into Reading levels 1 and 2



Mr. Putter and Tabby walk the dog by Cynthia Rylant (490L)

Penny and her Marble by Kevin Henkes (470L)

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton (490L)

Henry and Mudge (380-520L)

Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale (490-520L)

## Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Summer Reading List



- Kung Pow Chicken* by Cindi Marko (550L)  
*Bink & Gollie Best Friends Forever* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee (450-570L)  
*Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott (540-580L)  
*The Infamous Ratsos* by Kara Lareau (580L)  
*Meet Yasmin!* by Saadia Faruqi (530L)  
*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #1* by Dav Pilkey (510L)

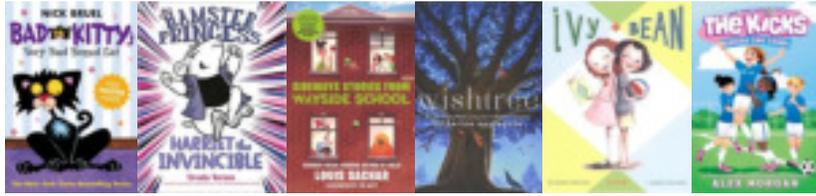


- The Bad Guys #1* by Aaron Blabey (520-560L)  
*Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo (450-550L)  
*The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone* by Katrina Charman (550-650L)  
*Zoey and Sassafrass* series by Asia Citro (560-640L)  
*Dragon Masters* Series by Tracey West (510-580L)  
*The Magical Animal Adoption Agency* by Kallie George (640-650L)



- \**Lola Levine is not Mean* by Monica Brown(630-710L)  
*Stink* By Megan McDonald (500-570L)  
*Pug Pals* By Flora Ahn (630L)  
*Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon (560-610L)  
*The Big Bad Detective Agency* By Bruce Hale (570L)

## Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Summer Reading List



- Bad Kitty Series By Nick Bruel (390-610L)
- Hamster Princess series by Ursula Vernon (540-660L)
- Wayside School* (series) by Louis Sachar (440-630L)
- Wishtree* By Katherine Applegate (590L)
- Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows (490-600L)
- The Kicks series By Alex Morgan (660-690L)



- The Year of the Book By Andrea Cheng (590L)
- The Vanishing Coin By Mike Lane and Kate Egan (560L)
- I survived series By Lauren Tarshis (590-710L)
- The Great Shelby Holmes Series by Elizabeth Eulberg (570-690L)
- Mac B. Kid spy series By Mac Barnett (440-480L)
- Ranger in Time (series) By Kate Messner (560-680L)



- Whatever After Series by Sarah Mlynowski (380-500L)
- Dr. Kitty Cat series By Jane Clarke (650-720L)
- The Sasquatch Escape By Suzanne Selfors (630L)
- Critter Club By Callie Barkley (440-630L)
- Puppy Place By Ellen Miles (590-700L)
- Field Trip Mysteries By Steven Brezenoff (390-530L)

## Rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Reading List



The Land of Stories By Chris Colfer (720-830L)

Tuesdays at the Castle By Jessica Day George (770-860L)

Dragon Slippers By Jessica Day George (850L)

Belly up Stuart Gibbs (820L)

Elements of Genius Nikki Tesla by Jess Keating (640L)

Spy School Series by Stuart Gibbs (730-820L)

The One and Only Bob By Katherine Applegate - Sequel to The One and Only Ivan (580L)



Survivor Diaries: Avalanche! (series) by Terry Lynn Johnson (590-610L)

Restart By Gordon Korman (730L)

Hero By Jennifer Li Shotz (640L)

The Worst Class Trip Ever (series) by Dave Barry (770L)

Fortunately, the milk by Neil Gaiman (680L)



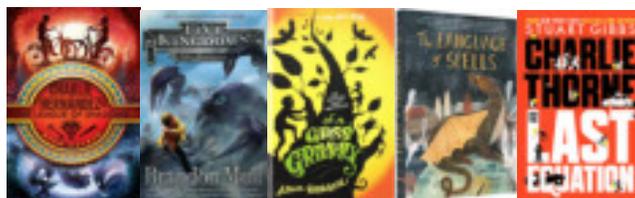
The Terrible Two (series) by Mac Barnett and Jory John (620-660L)

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (750L)

Lifeboat 12 By Susan Hood (verse) (610)

Rocket to the Moon: Big Ideas that Changed the World By Don Brown (940L)

## Rising 5th grade Summer Reading List



Charlie Hernandez and the league of shadows Ryan Calejo (780L)

Five Kingdoms (series) by Brandon Mull (610-630L)

Grimm (series) by Adam Gidwitz (630-690L)

*The Language of Spells* by Garret Weyr (900L)

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs (850L)



*The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome. By Jonathan W. Stokes (1010L)*

*Song for a Whale By Lynne Kelly (800L)*

*Masterminds (series) Gordon Korman (730L)*

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series) by Chris Grabenstein (720-780L)*

*Nooks and Crannies By Jessica Lawson (820L)*

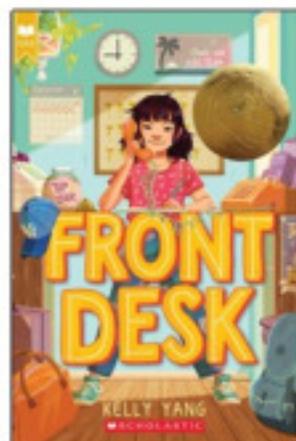
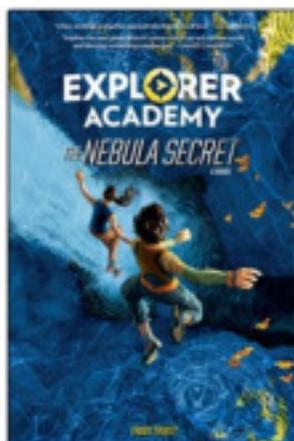
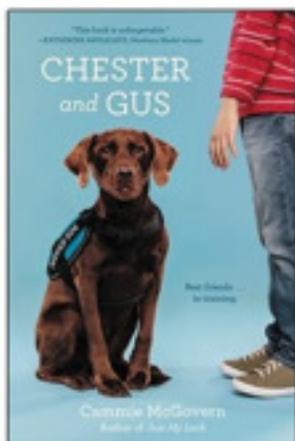
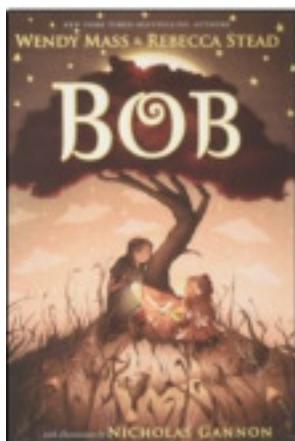
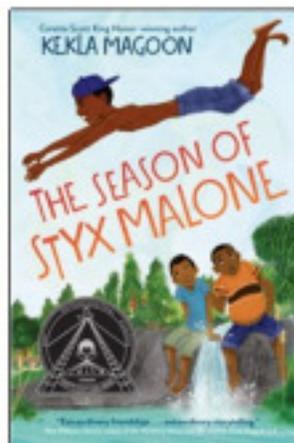
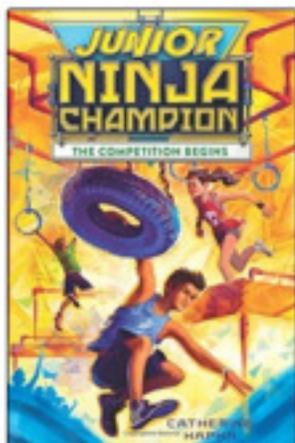
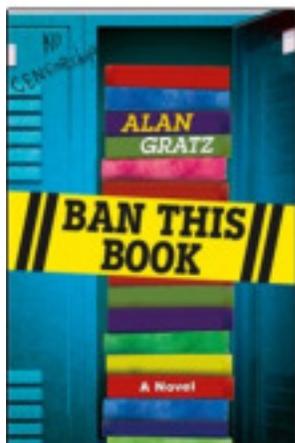
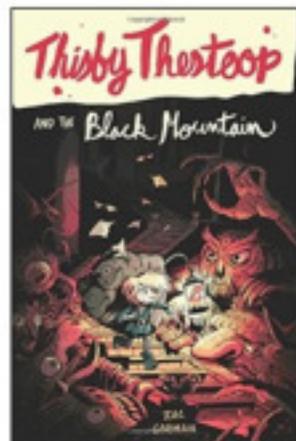
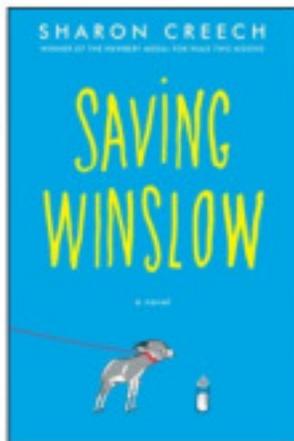
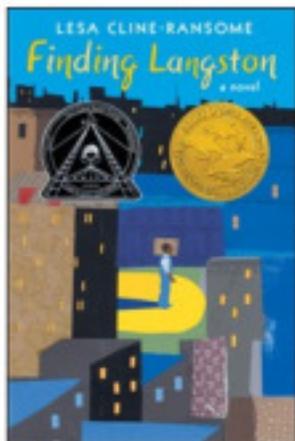


The Book of Boy By Catherine Gilbert Murdock (600L)

Love Sugar Magic By Anna Meriano (850L)

The Sasquatch Nominees make for Great Summer reading for upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

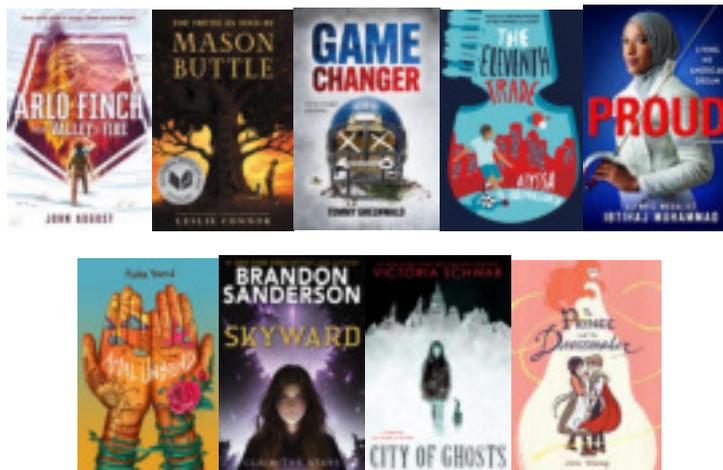
## 2021 Sasquatch Nominees



## Middle School Summer Reading Lists

A summer reading list generally come from the Middle School Teachers, but here are some ideas for fun summer reading!

### Evergreen Book Award Nominees



- Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August (670L)  
The Truth as told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor (310L)  
Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald (750L)  
The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth (650L)  
Proud: Living my American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (960L)  
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (600L)  
Skyward by Brandon Sanderson (680L)  
City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab (720L)  
The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang (360L)

### Other reads you may enjoy

- The Lions of Little Rock, by Kristin Levine (630L)  
The Night Gardener, by Jonathan Auxier (690L)  
Code Talker, by Joseph Bruchac (910L)  
Brown Girl Dreaming, by Jacqueline Woodson (990L)  
Refugee (and other books), by Alan Gratz (800L)  
Beyond the Bright Sea, by Lauren Wolk (770L)  
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus, by Dusti Bowling (700L)  
My Louisiana Sky, by Kimberly Willis Holt (770L)  
A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements(820L)  
Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins (690L)  
Far North, by Will Hobbs (820L)  
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie, Jordan Sonnenblick (940L)