



Summer Reading

Rising Eighth Grade 2024-2025

Each student is required to read at least 2 books.

1 Required Reading (BOB list) *and*
1 Biography of a Saint (parental approval)

★ Required Reading:

Choose at least **ONE** book from the designated Battle of the Books list to read. An Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz will be taken based on the book read. This will become part of the quarter 1 reading grade. Upon returning to school, students will be asked to create a short presentation to share with their classmates. This presentation will provide an opportunity for students to delve deeper into the themes, characters, and plot of the book. Please do not have students begin work on their presentation until the start of the new school year.

★ Battle of the Books List (BOB): Choose One.

Battle of the Books is a reading competition sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta that is open to all area Catholic schools.

Title	Author
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Lucy Maud Montgomery
<i>Artemis Fowl</i>	Eoin Colfer
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Countdown</i>	Deborah Wiles
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien
<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Sir Arthur Conon Doyle
<i>Hunger: A Tale of Courage</i>	Donna Jo Napoli
<i>Little Women</i>	Louisa May Alcott
<i>The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure</i>	William Goldman
<i>Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan</i>	John Flanagan
<i>Temple Grandin: How the Girl who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World</i>	Sy Montgomery
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson



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★ **Biography of a saint of your choosing. Choose One.**

In addition to the required summer reading for the BOB competition, students are also asked to read a biography of one of the following saints or one of their choosing.

- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Lucy
- St. Jude
- St. Joan of Arc
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Pope John Paul II
- St. Therese of Lisieux
- St. Nicholas of Myra
- Saint of your choice (with parent permission)

Encouraging your child to explore the life and teachings of these remarkable saints will provide them with valuable insights into faith, compassion, and service. This reading assignment aligns with our mission to cultivate spiritual growth and understanding in our students.

Happy Reading!

