

St. Patrick Catholic School
3rd Grade Summer Reading List
2016/2017

Students need to select at least one chapter book of their choice to read this summer. This book needs to be at least a 2.5 Accelerated Reader level or higher. You may check the book's level at www.arbookfind.com. They are to write a short report on one book in cursive. (See other side for cursive handwriting guide sheet.) In this one paragraph report, they should include the setting, main characters, plot (beginning, middle, and end), and their favorite part of the book. Make sure to use correct spelling, indent at the beginning of each paragraph, capitalize the first letter of each sentence, and end each sentence with an end mark. This report should be brought to school on the first day of school. Students should also be prepared to take an Accelerated Reader test on the book.

Five-Finger Rule

Use the five-finger rule to see if a book is on your level. Open the book to a random page and count how many times you get stuck.

- 1 time – This book is too easy.
- 2 times – This book is a little too easy.
- 3 times – This book is just right for me.
- 4 times - This book may be a little hard for me.
- 5 times – This book is too hard!

Suggested Summer Reading

- Any Junie B. Jones by Barbara Parks (AR Point Value -1, Level-2.5-3.5)
- Any of the Boxcar Children series by Gertrude Warner (AR Point Value-2, Level-3.5-4.0)
- Any Amelia Bedelia books by Herman or Peggy Parish (AR Point Value-0.5, Level-2.0-3.0)
- Any "Little House" novel by Laura Ingalls Wilder (AR Point Value-0.5-9, Level-4.9-6.0)
- Any "Magic Tree House" book by Mary Pope Osborne (AR Point Value-2, Level-3.0-4.0)
- Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary (AR Point Value-3, Level-5.8)
- Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary (AR Point Value-3, Level-4.7)
- Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary (AR Point Value-3, Level-5)
- Stuart Little by E.B. White (AR Point Value-3, Level-6)
- Freckle Juice by Judy Blume (AR Point Value-0.5, Level-3.1)