



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER READING LIST 2022

GRADE 5

The following list is for students entering Fifth Grade in September 2022. All students must read the required selection (Number the Stars by Lois Lowry) and complete the required activity by the first day of the school year. They will also be tested on this book. In addition, all students are to choose one book from the list below and complete another activity from the list of activities provided. This is also to be turned in on the first day of the school year. There will be no test on this book.

REQUIRED Book: NUMBER THE STARS by Lois Lowry

REQUIRED Activity: Design a book jacket for the book. Include title, illustrator, cover illustration - don't copy the existing illustration, and a one-page summary. I STRONGLY suggest that you look at an actual book jacket before you attempt this.

CHOICE Book (choose one):

27 Magic Words – Sharelle Byars Morganville ©2016

Because of Mr. Terrupt – Rob Buyea ©2011

Because of Winn Dixie – Kate DiCamillo ©2000

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library – Chris Grabenstein ©2014

El Deafo – Cece Bell ©2014

A Handful of Stars – Cynthia Lord ©2017

Jake and Lily – Jerry Spinelli ©2013

Katt vs. Dogg – James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein ©2019

Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment – James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein ©2018

One Crazy Summer – Rita Williams-Garcia ©2011

Ramona and Her Father – Beverly Cleary ©2000

Soar – Joan Bauer ©2017

Stella by Starlight – Sharon M. Draper ©2016

The Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo ©2003

The War That Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley ©2016

CHOICE Activity – on back

CHOICE Activity (choose one):

1. Write a feature article (with a headline) that tells the story of the book as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.
2. After reading a book, make an illustrated timeline showing events of the story and a map showing the location(s) where the story takes place.
3. Sketch a favorite part of the book—don't copy an existing illustration. Explain both why it is your favorite AND why it is central to the plot of your book.
4. Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, and after the book's events. Remember, the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in the diary.
5. Suddenly, the book you read becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc. would make a good film.
6. Write a one to two sentence summary of each chapter and illustrate the sentence.
7. Make a GIANT bookmark for your book; draw a character on the front and give a summary of the book on the back of your "bookmark" after listing the title and author.
8. Write a poem—rhyming or free verse—and a minimum of twenty lines about the book you read.
9. Prepare a list of 15 to 20 questions for use in determining if other people have read the book carefully. Include the answers!
10. Write a diary as the main character would write it to explain the events of the story. Your diary must have at least five entries and at least one paragraph each.
11. Make a map showing where the story takes place. Include written descriptions of everything included on your map, as well as the importance of these various settings.
12. Make a mobile showing pictures or symbols of happenings in the book. Include a written explanation of the importance of these objects to the overall plot of your book.
13. Make a crossword puzzle using ideas from your book. You must have at least 25 words and include a copy of the solved crossword puzzle, too.
14. Make a shoe box diorama of a scene from the book you read. Write a paragraph explaining the scene and its effect in the book.
15. Write a one to two page letter to the author of your novel and explain how you feel about the book.