

## Plant a seed...READ!

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Dear Parents and Students,

Summer is a great time for kids to read. With no school and no homework, there are usually plenty of extra hours to fill. Encourage your child to fill those hours with reading. Studies have shown that children who read during their summer vacation retain more of what they have learned throughout the school year and are better prepared for that first day of school in the fall. A love of reading will provide a lifetime of pleasure and learning.

You can encourage children to become avid summer readers by giving them lots of reading choices. Provide books, magazines, and newspapers. Have them read silently or aloud to you or to a brother or sister. Read while your child reads to make it a fun family activity. Plan weekly trips to your public library to select new books and to participate in their programs.

This year's summer reading program is called **Plant a Seed ... and Read**. With so much literature available on so many topics, I encourage you students to read books from a variety of genres.

All students entering Kindergarten through Eighth grade are strongly urged to participate in the summer reading program. By reading over the summer, the students will keep their reading skills sharp and nourish a healthy pastime.

This packet contains a list of suggested authors for each elementary grade cluster, the required books for students entering the Fourth through Eighth grades, a reading card on which the students in grades Kindergarten through Five can record their titles, and the writing assignments for the

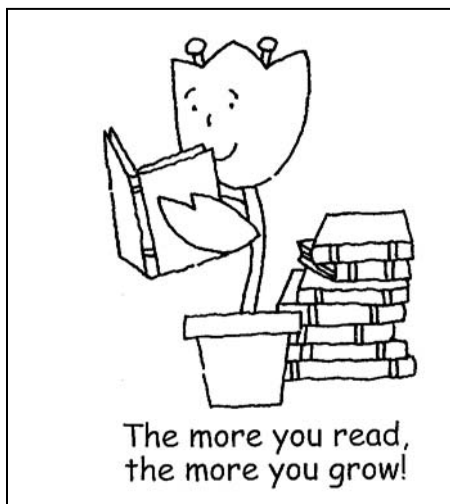
required reading for students entering grades Four through Eight. Again this year, students entering grades Five through Eight can pick their required book(s) from a short list of titles.

I would recommend that students who do not know how to read be read to for at least fifteen minutes a day. This will provide you with great quiet time together, while reinforcing their developing language and reading skills. For all of you readers, I would recommend reading a half hour to an hour every day.

During the first week of school, all students should turn in their summer reading written assignments and/or cards/lists. Acknowledgements will be given to all who participate.

Remember:

- Students must read books on their reading level.
- A parent/guardian must sign the reading card.
- Students entering Grades Four through Eight must read the required title(s) and complete the written assignments.
- Please, color the reading card as they will be displayed outside the Library.
- This summer reading packet is available on the school's website.



Have a wonderful summer  
full of fun, sun and  
reading!

Mrs. Buckley, Librarian



# PLANT A SEED. READ

**Biography**

Author:

Title

**Mystery**

Author:

Title:

**A Favorite**

Author:

Title:

**Fantasy**

Author:

Title:

**Adventure**

Author:

Title:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Read a book from each genre:

Comedy     Historical fiction     Magazines

Animals         Poetry         Fun facts

AUTHOR	TITLE
6.	_____
7.	_____
8.	_____
9.	_____
10.	_____
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**St. Bridget School 2009 Summer Reading List**  
**Students Entering Grades K1 - 3**

**GOOD SERIES FOR BEGINNER READERS**

Bank Street Ready to Read	Road to Reading (Golden Books)
Eyewitness Readers	Just Schoolin' Around (Scholastic)
Hello Readers (Scholastic)	Just for You (Scholastic)
I Can Read Books (Random House)	Step into Reading
Ready for Chapters (Aladdin)	

**LIST OF SUGGESTED AUTHORS**

Adler, David A.	Gibbons, Gail (non-fiction)	Park, Barbara (realistic fiction)
Aliki	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Peterson, John (fantasy)
Allard, Harry	Hoban, Tana	Pfister, Marcus
Asch, Frank	Hoff, Syd	Polacco, Patricia
Avi	Howe, James	Prelutzy, Jack (poetry)
Berenstain, Stan & Jan	Hurwitz, Johanna (humor)	Rey, H. A.
Blume, Judy	Hutchins, Pat	Roy, Ron (mystery)
Brett, Jan	Keats, Ezra Jack	Rylant, Cynthia
Bridwell, Norman	Kirk, David	Sachar, Louis (humor)
Brown, Marc	Kline, Suzy	Scieszka, Jon
Brown, Margaret Wise	Kroll, Steven	Seuss, Dr.
Bulla, Clyde	Levy, Elizabeth	Sharmat, Marjorie
Bunting, Eve	Lionni, Leo	Silverstein, Shel (poetry)
Carle, Eric	Lobel, Arnold	Sobel, Donald
Christelow, Eileen	London, Jonathan	Steig, William
Christopher, Matt (sports fiction)	Lowry, Lois	Tafari, Nancy
Cleary, Beverly	MacLachlan, Patricia	Van Allsburg, Chris
Cole, Joanna (science)	Marshall, James	Viorst, Judith
Coville, Bruce (science fiction)	Martin, Bill	Waddell, Martin
Crews, Donald (non-fiction)	Marzollo, Jean	Warner, Gertrude Chandler (mystery)
Cronin, Doreen	Mayer, Mercer	Waters, Kate
Danziger, Paula	McCourt, Lisa	Wilder, Laura Ingalls (classic)
DePaola, Tomie	Numeroff, Laura	Willens, Mo
DiCamillo, Kate	Joffe	Wood, Audrey
Ehlert, Eric	Osborne, Mary Pope (fantasy)	Yolan, Jane
Ehlert, Lois	Parish, Herman	
Fleischman, Paul	Parish, Peggy	