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Saint Rocco School

SUMMER READING PACKET
A Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8 Catholic Elementary School

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INCOMING FIFTH GRADE

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Dear Parents,

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner, complete with beach days, ice cream and fireworks. However, those things can all be even better with a good book, and there are always rainy days where curling up with a book makes the day fly.

Reading makes our children better speakers, better writers, and more curious learners! With that in mind, I have attached a book list from which incoming Fifth Graders can choose their summer reading. They're required to read three (3) books over the summer; the books can be found at any library or bookstore.

One book is required but the other two are the children's choice.

- ✓ The required book is **The Indian in the Cupboard** by Lynne Reid Banks. For this book, students are required to complete the attached Tissue Box Project.
- ✓ Students are required to complete a book report for the additional two books of their choice. The book reports are attached.

All work should have correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. The work MUST be completed and brought to school on the first day of school.

Thank you for your diligence and have a great summer!

Lisa Scotti
Reading/ELA Teacher – Grade 5



CHRIST is the reason for this school.
~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~

Summer Reading Incoming Fifth Grade



Surviving the AppleWhites	(Stephanie S. Tolan)
The Penderwicks	(Jeanne Birdsall)
Tuck Everlasting	(Natalie Babbitt)
Holes	(Louis Sachar)
Rules	(Cynthia Lord)
The Wednesday Wars	(Gary D. Schmidt)
Small Steps	(Louis Sachar)
The Clementine Series	(Sarah Pennypacker)
Searching for David's Heart	(Cherie Bennett)
Stargirl	(Jerry Spinelli)
Maniac Magee	(Jerry Spinelli)
Milkweed	(Jerry Spinelli)
The Trumpets of the Swan	(E. B. White)
Tale of Despereaux	(Kate DiCamillo)
The Hundred Dresses	(Eleanor Estes)
Running Out of Time	(Margaret Peterson Haddix)
Someone is Hiding on Alcatraz Island	(Eve Bunting)
The Twenty-One Balloons	(William Pene DuBois)
A Week in the Woods	(Andrew Clements)
Where the Red Fern Grows	(Wilson Rawls)
Caught by the Sea	(Gary Paulsen)
The Diary of Anne Frank	(Anne Frank, Otto Frank)
Artemis Fowl and series	(Eoin Colfer)
Ella Enchanted	(Gail Carson Levine)
James and the Giant Peach	(Roald Dahl)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	(Roald Dahl)
Matilda	(Roald Dahl)
Bud, Not Buddy	(Christopher Paul Curtis)
Elijah of Buxton	(Christopher Paul Curtis)
A Boy at War	(Harry Mazer)
Baseball in April and Other Stories	(Gary Soto)
Because of Winn-Dixie	(Kate DiCamillo)
The Boy Who Saved Baseball	(John H. Ritter)
Hoot	(Carl Hiaasen)
There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom	(Louis Sachar)
Replay	(Sharon Creech)
Absolutely Normal Chaos	(Sharon Creech)
Hate That Cat	(Sharon Creech)
Walk Two Moons	(Sharon Creech)
The Giver	(Lois Lowry)
Number the Stars	(Lois Lowry)
The Indian in the Cupboard	(Lynne Reid Banks)
The Chronicles of Narnia	(C.S. Lewis)
The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	(Jeff Kinney)
Bridge of Terabithia	(Katherine Paterson)
Hatchet and the sequels to the story	(Gary Paulsen)
Griffin Bing Series	(Gordon Korman)
Comeback Kid Series	(Mike Lupica)
The Kid Who Ran For President	(Dan Gutman)
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	(Joan Aiken)
By the Banks of Plum Creek	(Ingalls Wilder)
Farmer Boy	(Ingalls Wilder)