



SAN ANTONIO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Elementary School Office

Dear Incoming Second–Fifth Grade Families,

First, a quick acknowledgement to Mr. Wilkey, our high school principal, for his recent podcast! Many of you may have heard him share that high school students won't be assigned summer reading; this decision fits their age and stage of development. Many are taking summer classes, working jobs, learning to drive, volunteering, or building other life skills. While they still need to read for classes and enjoyment, they've already developed strong reading comprehension and analytical skills. Elementary students, however, are still building those foundations. Regular reading over the summer helps strengthen vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, and prevents the "summer slide," where progress gain over the school year can slip away during the summer break.

Below you will find the **REQUIRED** summer reading list for incoming second through fifth grade students. These books will be the basis for lessons, activities, discussions, and assignments starting on **the first day** of school in August. It's important that students complete the reading before August so they're ready to participate in class.

Most titles are available on ChristianBook.com or Amazon (click the ISBN for direct links). Please double-check ISBNs to ensure you get the correct edition. Label the books with your child's name and send them to school on the first day. **Students who don't complete the reading by the first day of school will struggle with assignments, which will affect their grades.**

Thank you for supporting your child's growth this summer. Reading isn't just a school task, it's a lifelong skill that builds imagination, knowledge, and confidence.

Incoming 2nd graders:

Mercy Watson to the Rescue
Mouse Soup

ISBN

[076362270-2](#)
[0064440419](#)

Incoming 3rd graders:

Mr. Popper's Penguins
Sarah Plain and Tall

ISBN:

[0316058432](#)
[9780062399526](#)

Incoming 4th graders:

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
*Robin Hood**

ISBN:

[9780763639877](#)
[9781603400329](#)

*Must be the Great Illustrated Classics

Incoming 5th graders:

The Sign of the Beaver
Snow Treasure

ISBN:

[9780547577111](#)
[978-0142402245](#)

Optional Titles for continued summer reading:

Incoming 2nd Grade: *Magic Tree House* series, *Nate the Great* series, *A to Z Mysteries* series
Incoming 3rd Grade: *Farmer Boy*, *Freckle Juice*, *Boxcar Children* series
Incoming 4th Grade: *Peter Pan*, *Because of Winn Dixie*, *Imagination Station* series
Incoming 5th Grade: *Magician's Nephew*, *Old Yeller*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Wrinkle in Time*, *Viking Quest* series