

Dear Parents:

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At Miami Christian School, literature is highly valued. We encourage our students to read for information so they can be successful in the academic disciplines of school. However, our greater concern is that they learn to read for enjoyment. When students enjoy reading, they become readers for a lifetime and not just a school year.

We know that you also value reading and want your child to establish good reading skills and habits. We are asking for your help and support during the summer when your child will have more time at home for recreational reading. Below is a list of some recommended as well as required reading for the summer.

An asterisk (*) or (◆) beside a book indicates required reading, for which students will be tested during the first few weeks of school. The other books have been recommended by the classroom teacher for the student's reading enrichment during the summer months. Children entering Kindergarten-5 and first grade may have the required books read to them.

Students entering 3rd – 12th grade have required reading assignments that will be graded in the Fall. Check the reading criteria under each grade level. Please help us by making a special trip to the library several times this summer to see that your child is able to accomplish his or her required reading. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially in Christ,

Lorena Morrison, Ed.D.
School Head

Students entering Kindergarten-5 should read (or have read to them):

Random House Book of Mother Goose: a Treasury
The Runaway Bunny Margaret Wise Brown
Swimmy Leo Lionni
Peter's Chair Ezra Jack Keats
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day Judith Viorst
Noah's Ark Peter Spier
The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle
Are You My Mother? P. D. Eastman
Dr. Seuss Books (Cat in The Hat, Hop on Pop, etc.) Dr. Seuss

Students entering First Grade should read (or have read to them):

The Little Engine that Could Watty Piper
Curious George H.A. Rey
Leo the Late Boomer Robert Kraus
The Princess and the Pea Han Christian Anderson
Where the Wild Things Are Maurice Sendak
The Clifford series Norman Bridwell
The Franklin Series
Any book from the "I Can Read" or "Beginner Reader" series

Students entering Second Grade should read (or have read to them):

Aduela Arthur Dorros
A Chair for My Mother Vera B. Williams
The Dog that Pitched a No Hitter Matt Christopher
Amelia Bedelia Helps Out Peggy Parish
Madeline in London Ludwig Bemelmans
Nate the Great Goes Undercover Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Miss Nelson is Missing Harry Allard
Stone Soup Marcia Brown
Any "Frances" Story Russell Hoban

Students entering Third Grade should read:

* The Velveteen Rabbit Margery Williams
Molly's Pilgrim Barbara Cohen
The Hundred Dresses Eleanor Estes
My Father's Dragon Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Stories Julian Tells Ann Cameron
Snow Treasure Marie McSwigan
The Chocolate Touch Patrick Sekene Catling

The Littles John Peterson

Students entering Fourth Grade should read:

The Family Under the Bridge Natalie Savage Carlson
* Twenty and Ten Claire Huchet Bishop
Mr. Popper's Penguins..... Richard Atwater
Call It Courage..... Armstrong Sperry
The Bossy Gallito: A Traditional Cuban Folktale Lucia M. Gonzalez
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom..... Louis Sachar
Shoeshine Girl Clyde Robert Bulla

Students entering Fifth Grade should read:

* The View from Saturday..... E.L. Konigsburg
The Indian in the Cupboard Lynn Banks
The Night Swimmers Betsy Byars
Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe Betty Greene
Abel's Island..... William Steig
◇ Sounder..... William H. Armstrong
Pollyanna Eleanor H. Porter
Caddie Woodlawn Carol Ryrie Brink

Students entering Sixth – Eighth Grade should read:

* One grade appropriate book of the student's choice, parents should determine if content is appropriate.
Book report form will be posted on Edline and must be completed by the end of August.

Additional suggested Reading for Middle School Grades:

The Christy Miller Series..... Robin Jones Gunn
The Sierra Jensen Series Robin Jones Gunn
The Christian Heritage Series Nancy Rae
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH Robert O'Brien
The Incredible Journey Sheila Burnford
Tuck Everlasting..... Natalie Babbit
Where the Red Fern Grows Wilson Rawles
Running Out of Time..... Margaret Peterson Haddix
Among the Hidden Margaret Peterson Haddix
Eragon Series Christopher Paolini

Students entering Ninth Grade should read:

* Tears of a Tiger Sharon Draper
◆ This Present Darkness..... Frank Peretti

Students entering Tenth Grade should read:

* Animal Farm George Orwell
◆ Edge of Eternity..... Randy Alcorn

Students entering Eleventh Grade should read:

* Blink Ted Dekker
◆ The Testament..... John Grisham

Students entering Twelfth Grade should read:

* Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad
◆ Frankenstein..... Mary Shelley

High School AP English Students should read:

* Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad
* Heroes and Hero Worship (Lecture 1)..... Thomas Carlyle

- * Required reading. Students will be tested on these books in the fall.
- ◆ In addition to required reading, this book is ALSO required reading for Honors students
- ◇ Highly recommended by class teacher