

**Saint Cornelius Summer Reading 2018**  
**Books are mandatory reading for all grades**  
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**Entering Kindergarten**

***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff** If a hungry little mouse shows up on your doorstep, you might want to give him a cookie. And if you give him a cookie, he'll ask for a glass of milk.

***The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper** The story of a train filled with toys and gifts for little boys and girls that breaks down before reaching the children. After asking several passing trains for help over the hill, the little blue train agrees to help the stranded toys.

***The Thank You Book (An Elephant and Piggie Book)* by Mo Williams** Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends.

**Entering First Grade**

***The Truth about my Unbelievable Summer* by Davide Cali** What really happened over the summer break? A curious teacher wants to know! What started out as a day at the beach turned into a globe-spanning treasure hunt with high-flying hijinks, exotic detours, an outrageous cast of characters, and one very mischievous bird! Is this yet another tall tale, or is the truth just waiting to be revealed?

***Double Happiness* by Nancy Tupper Ling** For their move far away, Gracie and Jake are sad to leave the golden bridge, the trolley tracks, and Nai Nai. But they fill empty boxes with treasures—a marble, a snake, a pair of wings. Tiny reminders of all they love—so happiness stays close, no matter where they go. With grace and warmth, this lyrical picture book speaks to the difficulty of transition and celebrates the ways in which love and family give us the strength to weather life's changes.

***Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin** Pete the Cat goes walking down the street wearing his brand-new white shoes. Along the way, his shoes change from white to red to blue to brown to WET as he steps in piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other big messes! But no matter what color his shoes are, Pete keeps movin' and groovin' and singing his song...because it's all good.

**Entering Second Grade**

***Frog and Toad Are Friends* By Arnold Lobel** From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other—just as best friends should be. These five adventurous tales are perfect for Level 2 beginning readers.

***Dirt on My Shirt* By Jeff Foxworthy** In his bestselling picture book, Jeff Foxworthy warmed the hearts of kids both big and little. Poems have been hand selected for beginning readers to enjoy. From meeting Auntie Brooke and Uncle Keith to searching for tadpoles and snakes, young readers will love discovering Jeff's vibrant neighborhood all for themselves.

***Rosie Revere, Engineer* By Andrea Beaty** Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal—to fly—Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. But when her contraption doesn't fly but rather hovers for a moment and then crashes, Rosie deems the invention a failure. On the contrary, Aunt Rose insists that Rosie's contraption was a raging success: you can only truly fail, she explains, if you quit.

### **Entering Third Grade**

***7x9 = Trouble*** by: Claudia Mills Wilson has a hard time with math, especially with Mrs. Porter's timed multiplication tests. If only he were as quick as Laura Vicks, the smartest kid in third grade, or as quick as his brother, Kipper -- a kindergartner. Wilson's mother and father try to help, but Wilson doesn't appreciate having to do practice tests on a playdate.

***Mom for Mayor*** by: Nancy Edwards Eric would rather daydream about space aliens than do homework. But when his favorite playground is about to be sold to real estate developers, he launches into action. Discovering that the plan to sell the park comes from Mayor Bishop, who happens to be up for reelection, Eric convinces his mother to run for office — or so he thinks!

***Who Was Neil Armstrong*** by: Roberta Edwards On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon and, to an audience of over 450 million people, proclaimed his step a “giant leap for mankind”. This Eagle Scout built his own model planes as a little boy and then grew up to be a test pilot for experimental aircraft before becoming an astronaut. Over 80 black-and-white illustrations bring Armstrong's story to life.

### **Entering Fourth Grade**

***I Survived the American Revolution, 1776*** by Lauren Tarshis

British soldiers were everywhere. There was no escape. Nathaniel Fox never imagined he'd find himself in the middle of a blood-soaked battlefield, fighting for his life. He was only eleven years old! He'd barely paid attention to the troubles between America and England. How could he, while being worked to the bone by his cruel uncle, Uriah Storch?

***Rain Reign*** by Ann M. Martin Rose Howard has OCD, Asperger's syndrome, and an obsession with homonyms (even her name is a homonym). She gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Rain was a lost dog Rose's father brought home. Rose and Rain are practically inseparable. And they are often home alone, as Rose's father spends most evenings at a bar, and doesn't have much patience for his special-needs daughter. Just as a storm hits town, Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search. Rose will find Rain, but so will Rain's original owners. Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.

## Entering Fifth Grade

***Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea** It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school.

***The Secrets of Blueberries, Brothers, Moose & Me* by Sara Nickerson** To make some extra money, twelve-year-old Missy and her older brother Patrick get summer jobs picking blueberries at a local farm. For Missy, though, it's about more than just money-- it's the perfect distraction from the fact that her two best friends have gone off to summer camp without her and that her dad is getting remarried.

## Entering Six Grade

***Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff** Everyone says that middle school is awful, but Trent knows nothing could be worse **than** the year he had in fifth grade, when a freak accident on Cedar Lake left one kid dead, and Trent with a brain full of terrible thoughts he can't get rid of.

***I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda** It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. All the other kids picked countries like France or Germany, but when Caitlin saw Zimbabwe written on the board, it sounded like the most exotic place she had ever heard of -- so she chose it.

## Entering Seven Grade

***Forever, or a Long Time* by Caela Carter** Flora and her brother, Julian, don't believe they were born. They've lived in so many foster homes, they can't remember where they came from. And even now that they've been adopted, Flora still struggles to believe in forever.

***Saving Lucas Biggs* by Marisa de los Santos** Thirteen-year-old Margaret knows her father is innocent, but that doesn't stop the cruel Judge Biggs from sentencing him to death. Margaret is determined to save her dad, even if it means using her family's secret—and forbidden—ability to time travel.

## Entering Eighth Grade

***The Boy in the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson** The only memoir published by a former Schindler's list child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto.

***You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen* by Carole Boston Weatherford** I WANT YOU! says the poster of Uncle Sam. But if you're a young black man in 1940, he doesn't want you in the cockpit of a war plane. Yet you are determined not to let that stop your dream of flying.