



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research shows that students tend to score lower on reading and math achievement tests at the end of summer than they did just before summer break. This phenomenon is sometimes called the summer slide.

To promote your child's mind, body, and spirit, St. John teachers are offering an opportunity to continue making growth over the summer towards our school-wide learning expectations.

We are offering the option to complete bingo boards in reading, math, and wellness as a fun way to incentivize summer learning! Complete one row of each bingo board over the summer to win a prize when school resumes in the fall! Mrs. Longton has also provided a summer book list to help you with your endeavors.

Summer Solutions is another way to in beat the summer slide and continue to enrich your studies this summer! Summer Solution workbooks are now available. To order:

1. Go to [www.summersolutions.net](http://www.summersolutions.net)
2. Choose the level that matches your child's current grade level
3. Select your books
4. Make sure to select the Common Core books
5. Enter the school code at checkout JHN98103

Your books will be delivered directly to your home this year. Summer Solutions is a proven winner, helping students to hit the ground running in fall.

If your child is in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, encourage your child to continue using the Achieve 3000 nonfiction reading program. There are many great summer articles that are of high interest for your child. Aim to complete at least two lessons per week.

Enjoy a summer filled with sunshine and growth!

St. John Teachers

**B** MIDDLE SCHOOL **N G**  **READING**

Watch a video about people doing something good. Retell the story to two people	Create a persuasive PowerPoint for your parents to get you something or let you do something	Write a song about how you are feeling today. Make sure to include a catchy chorus	Read one entire section of a newspaper	Read a book with a number in the title
Write about a <i>Day in the Life</i> of... someone without internet	Read a graphic novel. There are so many to choose from!	Read a book based on a true story	Read outside for at least one hour. Don't forget the sunscreen!	Copy three recipes onto cards. Try out one of the recipes. Yummy good!
Read a book with a one-word title	Write a sincere thank you card to someone who has helped you		Swap a book with a friend. If my friend likes it, why wouldn't I?	Listen to the first five chapters of an audiobook
Read a magazine article about a topic of interest	Read a book with an animal in it	Write a list of 100 things that are good	Write a script about two people who disagree, but find a solution at the end of the play	Read an online article about nature. Why should you care about this?
Write a 3-minute speech as if you were the mayor of Seattle. What would you say?	Read five classic poems	Read an online article or blog about someone who did something courageous	Make a list of things you are passionate about. Find two books about your top choice	Write a letter or email to someone in politics. What would you like to be different and why?

# B MIDDLE SCHOOL N G O<sup>x<sup>2</sup></sup> MATH

Do <a href="#">this</a> Paper Folding activity	What 4-digit number, when multiplied by 4, reverses the order of its digits? $ABCD \times 4 = DCBA$	Learn about Fractal numbers in <a href="#">Alice in Fractal Land!</a>	Play Tetris' coolest new version <a href="#">Factris</a>	What are the <u>fewest squares</u> ? Try and cover a 11 x 13 area using squares that don't overlap
Poetry in Data? Check it out <a href="#">here</a> . Type in code: YWZ QZV	Explore place value with <a href="#">exploding some dots!</a>	Create 20 problems where the answer is 2020	Create a survey for your neighbors to answer in chalk outside. Find a clever way to display the results!	Make your own math test for your parents to take
Challenge yourself to see how far you can get on the <a href="#">Towers of Hanoi</a>	Record how long you sleep for each night for a week. Create 2 different types of graph to show the results		Learn a new card game!	Float objects through balloons by going <a href="#">here</a> . Type in code: XHY 4C3
Play Make 60. Deal 2 cards per player. Each player multiplies the card values. Dealer asks each player if they want to take another card or stay. The winner is the person closest to 60	Play the <a href="#">Game of Hex</a>	Try this <a href="#">apple orchard</a> problem with linear and quadratic growth!	At a party (pre COVID-19), every guest shook hands with everyone else. There were 66 Handshakes in total. How many guests attended the party?	Create some mathematical <a href="#">Sidewalk Chalk designs</a>
Ever wonder how tall that tree is in your back yard? Find out <a href="#">here</a>	Practice virtual archery by going <a href="#">here</a> . Type in code: KS8 WDV	Find the largest bowl in your kitchen. Estimate how many cups it can hold. Now find out how many mL that is	Call 3 adults that you know and ask them how they use math in their jobs	Remove the face cards from a deck of cards. Each player chooses 5 cards. Use the order of operations to create as many equations as you can that equal 10

# B MIDDLE SCHOOL N G O WELLNESS

Perform a random act of kindness for someone	List one strength starting with each letter of your name	Draw or invent an emoji for how you feel today	Write a poem about empathy	Share the “rose and thorn” (high/low) of your day with a family member at dinnertime
Draw a visual representation of the Golden Rule	Take a screen break. How long can you make yourself busy doing other things?	Try an online or in person yoga class	Get mindful by coloring some <u>mandalas</u>	Talk to a trusted adult about 1 goal you would like to achieve in the future
Think of a skill you would like to improve. Write at least 3 steps that would help you move in that direction	Go on a mindful nature walk		Start a feelings journal and write about how you’re feeling today	Make a comic about kindness
Try a mindfulness meditation with <u>MyLife</u> or another app	Write and send a letter or text to a friend thanking them for their friendship	Write down 10 things you are grateful for	Make a fun Summer Social Bucket List with a friend	Use this <u>template</u> to interview a family member about their emotions
Write down 5 things that make you special and unique	Print out these <u>Family Conversation Starters</u> and discuss at dinnertime	Make a playlist of songs that make you feel happy	Spend time with your family making a dinner	Do one thing without being asked that demonstrates your responsibility to your family

# B I N G O

## Preschool Summer Reading List

At this stage your child is most likely not reading independently, but it is great to model reading to and with them. Ask your child questions about the story, make predictions and find common sight words on the page. Read a variety of different books (picture books, non-fiction, nursery rhymes, favorite characters, poetry). Most importantly foster a love of reading!



The Seven Silly Eaters By Mary Ann Hoberman  
Blueberries for Sal By Robert McCloskey  
The Wonderful Things You Will Be By Emily Winfield Martin  
Grumpy Monkey BY Suzanne Lang  
Elephant and Piggie Books By Mo Willems



Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae  
The Watermelon Seed By Greg Pizzou  
Fly Guy Series By Tedd Arnold  
Richard Scarry Books  
The Neighborhood Mother Goose By Nina Crews

## Rising 1<sup>st</sup> grade Summer Reading List

At this stage your child may not be reading these books independently, but it is great to model reading to/with them. Have your child find sight words, ask questions to check their understanding and help them find joy in books!



My toothbrush is missing by Jan Thomas (320L)

We are in a Book by Mo Willems (all the Elephant and Piggie books are great!) (180–260L)

Pete the Cat I Can Read Books (210–400L)

Berenstain Bears Old Hat New Hat (30L)



Don't worry, BEE Happy by Ross Burach (350L)

The Cookie Fiasco by Dan Santat (290L)

Trucktown (Ready to Read) by Dan Scieszka (170–300L)

Slow, slow sloths By Bonnie Bader (460L)

Ready to Read levels 1 and 2

Step into Reading levels 1 and 2



Mr. Putter and Tabby walk the dog by Cynthia Rylant (490L)

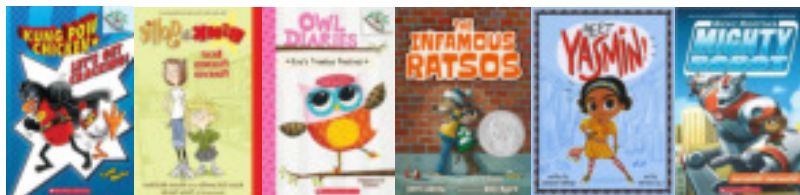
Penny and her Marble by Kevin Henkes (470L)

Narwahl: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton (490L)

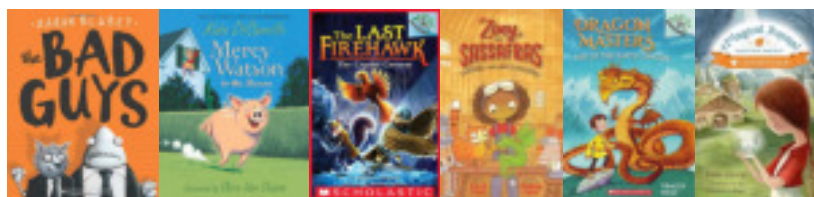
Henry and Mudge (380–520L)

Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale (490–520L)

## Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Summer Reading List



- Kung Pow Chicken* by Cindi Marko (550L)  
*Bink & Gollie Best Friends Forever* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee (450-570L)  
*Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott (540-580L)  
*The Infamous Ratsos* by Kara Lareau (580L)  
*Meet Yasmin!* by Saadia Faruqi (530L)  
*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #1* by Dav Pilkey (510L)



- The Bad Guys #1* by Aaron Blabey (520-560L)  
*Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo (450-550L)  
*The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone* by Katrina Charman (550-650L)  
*Zoey and Sassafrass* series by Asia Citro (560-640L)  
*Dragon Masters* Series by Tracey West (510-580L)  
*The Magical Animal Adoption Agency* by Kallie George (640-650L)



- \**Lola Levine is not Mean* by Monica Brown(630-710L)  
*Stink* By Megan McDonald (500-570L)  
*Pug Pals* By Flora Ahn (630L)  
*Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon (560-610L)  
*The Big Bad Detective Agency* By Bruce Hale (570L)

## Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Summer Reading List



- Bad Kitty Series By Nick Bruel (390-610L)  
Hamster Princess series by Ursula Vernon (540-660L)  
*Wayside School* (series) by Louis Sachar (440-630L)  
Wishtree By Katherine Applegate (590L)  
Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows (490-600L)  
The Kicks series By Alex Morgan (660-690L)



- The Year of the Book By Andrea Cheng (590L)  
The Vanishing Coin By Mike Lane and Kate Egan (560L)  
I survived series By Lauren Tarshis (590-710L)  
The Great Shelby Holmes Series by Elizabeth Eulberg (570-690L)  
Mac B. Kid spy series By Mac Barnett (440-480L)  
Ranger in Time (series) By Kate Messner (560-680L)



- Whatever After Series by Sarah Mlynowski (380-500L)  
Dr. Kitty Cat series By Jane Clarke (650-720L)  
The Sasquatch Escape By Suzanne Selfors (630L)  
Critter Club By Callie Barkley (440-630L)  
Puppy Place By Ellen Miles (590-700L)  
Field Trip Mysteries By Steven Brezenoff (390-530L)



## Rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Reading List



The Land of Stories By Chris Colfer (720-830L)

Tuesdays at the Castle By Jessica Day George (770-860L)

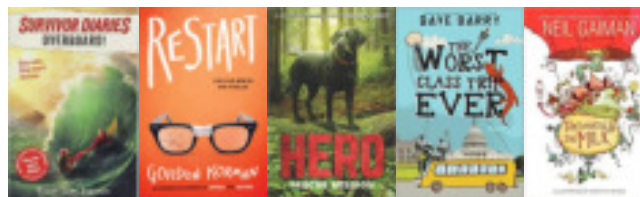
Dragon Slippers By Jessica Day George (850L)

Belly up Stuart Gibbs (820L)

Elements of Genius Nikki Tesla by Jess Keating (640L)

Spy School Series by Stuart Gibbs (730-820L)

The One and Only Bob By Katherine Applegate - Sequel to The One and Only Ivan (580L)



Survivor Diaries: Avalanche! (series) by Terry Lynn Johnson (590-610L)

Restart By Gordon Korman (730L)

Hero By Jennifer Li Shotz (640L)

The Worst Class Trip Ever (series) by Dave Barry (770L)

Fortunately, the milk by Neil Gaiman (680L)



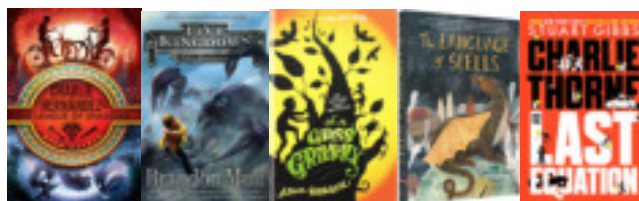
The Terrible Two (series) by Mac Barnett and Jory John (620-660L)

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (750L)

Lifeboat 12 By Susan Hood (verse) (610)

Rocket to the Moon: Big Ideas that Changed the World By Don Brown (940L)

## Rising 5th grade Summer Reading List



Charlie Hernandez and the league of shadows Ryan Calejo (780L)

Five Kingdoms (series) by Brandon Mull (610-630L)

Grimm (series) by Adam Gidwitz (630-690L)

*The Language of Spells* by Garret Weyr (900L)

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs (850L)



*The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome. By Jonathan W. Stokes (1010L)*

*Song for a Whale By Lynne Kelly (800L)*

*Masterminds (series) Gordon Korman (730L)*

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series) by Chris Grabenstein (720-780L)*

*Nooks and Crannies By Jessica Lawson (820L)*

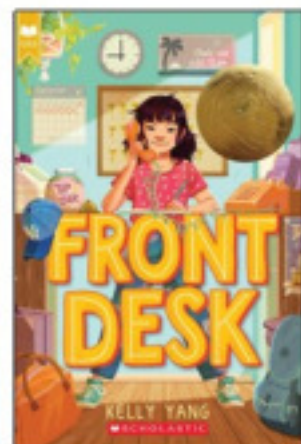
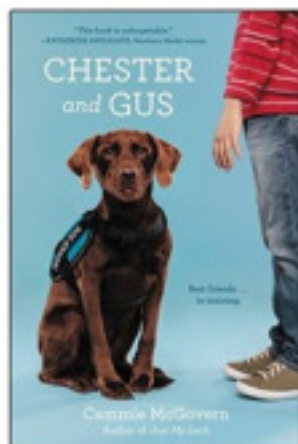
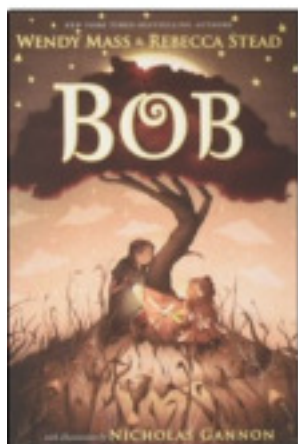
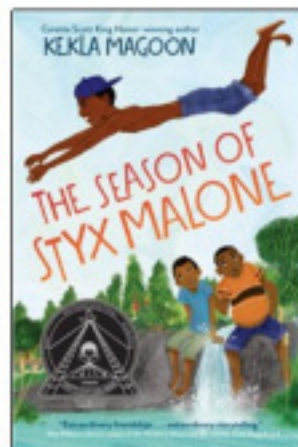
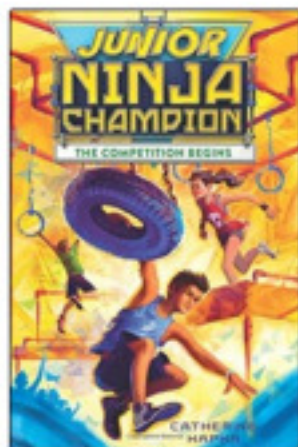
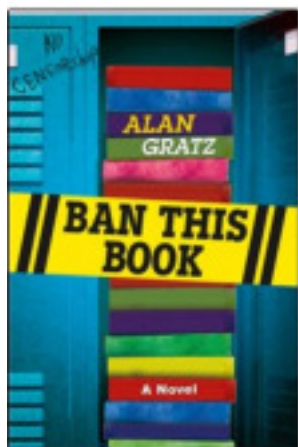
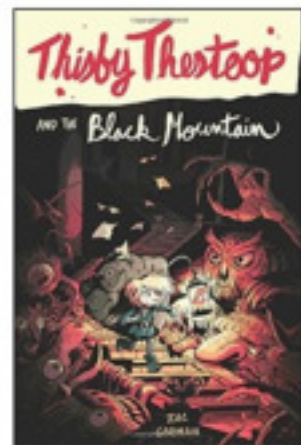
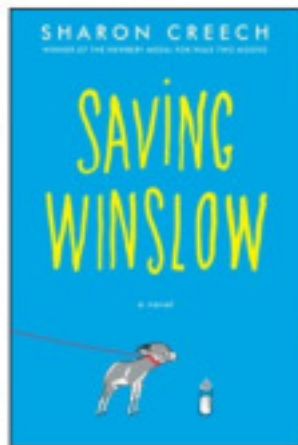
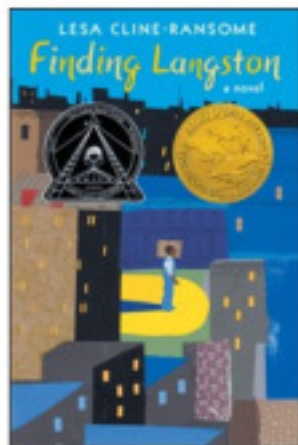


The Book of Boy By Catherine Gilbert Murdock (600L)

Love Sugar Magic By Anna Meriano (850L)

The Sasquatch Nominees make for Great Summer reading for upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

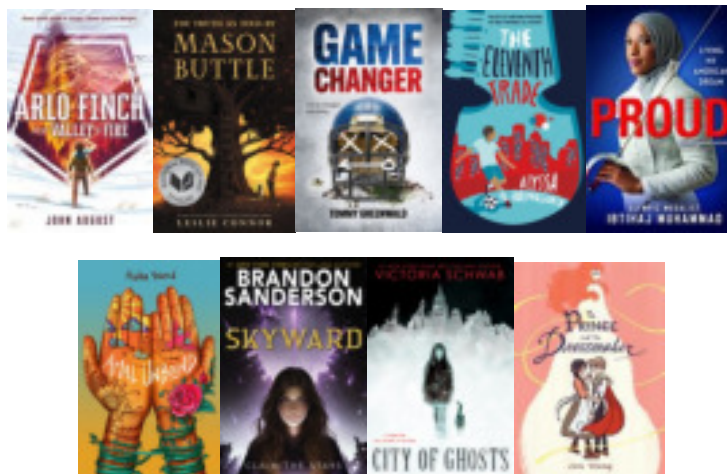
## 2021 Sasquatch Nominees



## Middle School Summer Reading Lists

A summer reading list generally come from the Middle School Teachers, but here are some ideas for fun summer reading!

### Evergreen Book Award Nominees



- Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August (670L)  
The Truth as told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor (310L)  
Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald (750L)  
The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth (650L)  
Proud: Living my American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (960L)  
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (600L)  
Skyward by Brandon Sanderson (680L)  
City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab (720L)  
The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang (360L)

### Other reads you may enjoy

- The Lions of Little Rock, by Kristin Levine (630L)  
The Night Gardener, by Jonathan Auxier (690L)  
Code Talker, by Joseph Bruchac (910L)  
Brown Girl Dreaming, by Jacqueline Woodson (990L)  
Refugee (and other books), by Alan Gratz (800L)  
Beyond the Bright Sea, by Lauren Wolk (770L)  
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus, by Dusti Bowling (700L)  
My Louisiana Sky, by Kimberly Willis Holt (770L)  
A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements(820L)  
Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins (690L)  
Far North, by Will Hobbs (820L)  
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie, Jordan Sonnenblick (940L)