

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Summer Reading 2024 – 2025

St. Alphonsus School utilizes a summer reading program to help students excel in their studies, prevent “summer slide”, foster a love of reading, and introduce genres/books that students may not normally gravitate toward.

Below is information about the SAS Summer Reading list for the 2024 – 2025 school year and the testing schedule.

Each grade level must read two books for summer reading. Rising third grade students and up must read the required book **and** one book from the “choose one of the following” list for their grade level. Rising second grade students must read the two books their teacher and Mrs. Amy Nicosia have selected for them. **Graphic novel versions should not be read in place of the listed titles.**

When students have finished their summer reading book(s) they may come to the Library on the dates listed below and take an Accelerated Reader test. These tests will count as a **separate** Summer Reading grade; it does not count towards the student's 1st Nine Weeks AR goal. Parents are asked to wait outside the Library while their child(ren) takes their test. The tests normally take 10 – 20 minutes to complete. Please do not drop off your child(ren) and come back. All AR tests must be taken **before** school starts in August. These are the only test dates available, no other dates or arrangements will be made.

****Students: please do not select a book that you have previously read and have taken an AR test. Once a book is tested on, a second test cannot be taken as the AR program does not allow retakes. If you have already tested on the required book for your grade, please contact Mrs. Amy Nicosia and/or your reading teacher about selecting a different book.****

Dates are as follows:

Monday, June 24 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Summer Reading books and/or test dates please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Amy Nicosia

Title	Author	Book Level
2nd Grade		
Little Bear	Else Holmelund Minarik	2.4
Dinosaurs Before Dark	Mary Pope Osborne	2.6
3rd Grade		
Required:		
Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	3.1
Choose one of the following:		
Any book from the Mercy Watson series	Kate DiCamillo	varies
Any book from the Judy Moody series	Megan McDonald	varies
Any book from the A to Z Mysteries series	Ron Roy	varies
Any book from the Magic Treehouse series	Mary Pope Osborne	varies
4th Grade		
Required:		
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	3.9
Choose one of the following:		
Any book from the I Survived series	Lauren Tarshis	varies
Any book from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series	Jeff Kinney	varies
Any book from the My Weird School series	Dan Gutman	varies
Any book from the Geronimo Stilton series	Geronimo Stilton	varies
5th Grade		
Required:		
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	3.6
Choose one of the following:		
The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	4.1
Rules	Cynthia Lord	3.9
Leonard: My Life as a Cat	Carlie Sorosiak	5.2
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	5.1
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell	3.5

**Middle School
Required Reading**

6th		
Wonder	R. J. Palacio	4.8
7th		
Number the Stars	Lois Lowery	4.5
8th		
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	5.0
Choose One of the Following		
Becoming Muhammad Ali	Kwame Alexander	5.4
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	4.7
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko	3.5
Counting by 7s	Holly Goldberg Sloan	5.6
Ground Zero	Alan Gratz	4.8
The False Prince	Jennifer Nielsen	5.1

****Graphic novel versions of any of the above titles are not permitted****