

Summer Reading 2017  
Incoming Grades 1 & 2  
Ancillae-Assumpta Academy

Dear Summer Readers,

Summer is a fabulous time to relax and read. This summer's reading list encourages you to do just that with many terrific titles.

For your summer assignment:

1. Read four or more books on this list.
2. Choose one of the books you have read from the reading list.
3. Illustrate a scene from that book on the assignment sheet.
4. On a separate sheet of paper, write or dictate one or two sentences about your illustration.
5. Bring in your drawing and sentences to school in September. You will use it for a class assignment.

Check out these titles at your local library or at a bookstore near you. Have a wonderful summer, and may the books you choose take you on many adventures!



## **First and Second Grade (Pick any 4 books)**

### **Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock** by Eric Kimmel

Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all of the other animals until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.

### **Baby Bear** by Kadir Nelson

As Baby Bear tries to find his way home through the forest, he asks many different woodland creatures for help and finds that much of their advice is more comforting than helpful.

### **A Piece of Home** by Jeri Watts. Illus. by Hyewon Yum

In this compassionate immigration story, Hee Jun and his family slowly adjust to their new life in West Virginia after moving from Korea.

### **Extra Yarn** by Mac Barnett

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.

### **Tops and Bottoms** by Janet Stevens

A folktale where Hare solves his family's problems by tricking rich and lazy Bear.

### **Horrible Bear!** by Ame Dyckman

When a kite goes astray, an accident and misunderstanding bring together two unlikely friends in a story about the power of forgiveness.

### **Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth** by Jim Arnosky

This non-fiction book shows and tells how creatures can survive in frigid places around the world. It brings out the explorer in everyone.

### **How To Read A Story** by Kate Messner

A wonderful story that teaches the reader steps on how to become a reader and discover what the world of books has to offer them.

### **Penny and Her Marble** by Kevin Henkes

Penny feels guilty after taking a beautiful blue marble that she sees in Mrs. Goodwin's grass, but she gets a pleasant surprise when she goes to return it the next day.

### **Ada Twist Scientist** by Andrea Beaty

A story about the power of curiosity in the hands of a child who is on a mission to use science.

### **Iggy Peck Architect** by Andrea Beaty

Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, though they're sometimes surprised by his materials—who could forget the tower he built of dirty diapers? When his second-grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge.

**Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon** by Patty Lovell

Leave it to Molly to transform all her faults into marvelous talents. This book leaves readers with the feeling that anything can be accomplished if you are the best person you can be and make the most of your gifts.

**Strictly No Elephants** by Lisa Mantchev

A boy and his tiny pet elephant show everyone what it means to be a true friend.

**That is Not a Good Idea!** by Mo Willems

Illustrations that resemble a silent film tell the story of a plump mama goose who is invited to dinner by a hungry fox while her babies try to warn her that it is a bad idea.

**The Adventures of Beekle: an Unimaginary Friend** by Dan Santat.

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name. He finally does the unimaginable; he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.

**The Day the Crayons Quit** by Drew Daywalt

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

**When Andy Met Sandy** by Tomie dePaola and Jim Lewis.

A story of gentle friendship begins when one child courageously asks another to play.

**The Scrambled States of America** by Laurie Keller

The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while. This book includes facts about the states.

**The Storm Whale** by Benji Davies

Every day, in a house by the sea, a little boy watches his father leave for a long day's work. One night, a great storm washes a small whale onto the beach. The boy discovers the whale is a good listener.

**Or pick a book from any of the following series:**

**A to Z Mysteries** by Ron Roy

Join Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose. Help them solve mysteries from A to Z.

**Boris Series** By: Andrew Joyner

Adventure is always just around the corner for an enthusiastic warthog named Boris.

**Chet Gecko** by Bruce Hale

Chet, "the best lizard detective at Emerson Hicky Elementary," solves every mystery with wisecracking humor.

**Geronimo Stilton** by Geronimo Stilton

Who is Geronimo Stilton? He runs a newspaper, but his true passion is writing tales of adventure. On Mouse Island, his books are all best sellers! What's that? You've never read one? Well, his books are full of fun.

**Heidi Heckelbeck** by Wanda Coven

Heidi Heckelbeck seems like any other eight-year-old, but she has a secret: She's a witch in disguise! She is careful to keep her powers hidden, but excited to use them all the same. Heidi is learning to live like any other kid who just happens to be a witch.

**Ivy and Bean** by Annie Barrows

In these stories, Ivy (a quiet, intellectual child) and Bean (a rambunctious child) become fast friends despite their differences and their initial reluctance to like each other – "two friends who never meant to like each other". They are both 8-year-old girls who live on a cul-de-sac in a suburban environment on Pancake Court, in an unnamed town. In each book they get into considerable mischief.

**Magic Tree House** by Mary Pope Osborne

Follow Jack and Annie as they travel through time in the mysterious tree house that appears near their home.

**Nancy Clancy** by Jane O'Connor

Read along as Nancy and her best friend, Bree, look for and solve mysteries with all the right accessories and smarts.

**Stella Batts** by Courtney Sheinmel

In this early chapter book series, the ups and downs of Stella's life are charmingly chronicled. She is eight-years old and she loves to write. She loves to write lists; like her favorite things and kids in her class.

**The Critter Club** by Simon and Schuster

This is a new series about four best friends, lots of animals saved, and tons of fun along the way!

**Young Cam Jansen** by David A. Adler

Cam Jansen has an amazing memory and helps her friends solve many mysteries.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grades 1 & 2 – Please bring this completed summer reading assignment sheet to the first day of school.  
For all summer reading lists and assignment information, see [www.ancillae.org](http://www.ancillae.org).