

Summer Reading 2019
Incoming Grades 3 & 4
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 the theme of "Pick a Pair." This year the books have been paired by theme, genre, or author. Select pairs of books that interest you. As you read, make connections between characters, settings, themes, plots, or writing styles of the books.

For your summer assignment:

1. Choose one of the pairs of books you have read from the reading list.
2. Complete the graphic organizer on the provided paper.
3. Bring the graphic organizer 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!

Pick a pair of book, experience twice the mystery
Find characters and adventure that mirror history.

Pick a pair of books, double the fantasy of tales.
Read biographies of heroes who have forged their own trails.

Pick a pair of books. Make the critical connection.
Extend beyond the page, with two times the selection.

Pick a pair of books!

Third and Fourth Grades - Pick a Pair of Books

Like Bug Juice on a Burger by Kate Messner

As the days go on, nine-year-old Eleanor realizes that maybe being at summer camp isn't so bad after all, and is full of special surprises.

Marty McGuire Digs Worms by Kate Messner

Marty's third grade class has a special assignment: Save the Earth! Even more exciting is the best project wins a special award. Marty's pretty sure her classmates' ideas won't stand a chance against hers.

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

When James spills some magic green crystals by an old peach tree, a giant peach grows and strange, marvelous things begin to happen.

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

This book is about the adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Stuart Little by E.B. White

A classic novel about one small mouse on a very big adventure!

The Doll People by Ann M. Martin

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

The Borrowers—the Clock family: Homily, Pod, and their fourteen-year-old daughter, Arrietty, to be precise—are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor.

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements

Greg Kenton has two obsessions — making money and his long-standing competition with his annoying neighbor, Maura Shaw. So, when Greg discovers that Maura is cutting into his booming Chunky Comics business with her own original illustrated mini-books, he's ready to declare war.

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Fourth-grader Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart, but not especially good with people. So when the siblings' lemonade stand war begins, there really is no telling who will win—or even if their fight will ever end.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but Flora is just the right person to step in and save him.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

P.S. Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia

This is a moving, funny story of three sisters growing up in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn amid the radical change of the 1960s.

Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.

Charlie Bumper vs. Teacher of the Year by Bill Harley

Charlie Bumpers is sure he does not stand a chance of getting along with his fourth grade teacher and despite his best efforts to be neat and well-behaved, he always seems to be in trouble until he discovers her secret.

Who Was Thomas Alva Edison by Margaret Firth

One day in 1882, Thomas Edison flipped a switch that lit up lower Manhattan with incandescent light and changed the way people live ever after. The electric light bulb was only one of thousands of Edison's inventions, which include the phonograph

Who Was Ben Franklin by Dennis B. Fradin

Ben Franklin was the scientist who, with the help of a kite, discovered that lightning is electricity. He was also a statesman, an inventor, a printer, and an author-a man of such amazingly varied talents

Notes from a Liar and Her Dog by Gennifer Choldenko

Twelve-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Jake Drake, Know-It-All by Andrew Clements

Jake is determined to win the third-grade science fair not only for the grand prize, but to beat the annoying class know-it-alls, as well.

Jake Drake, Bully Buster by Andrew Clements

Fourth-grader Jake Drake relates how he comes to terms with SuperBully Link Baxter, especially after they are assigned to be partners on a class project.

Third and Fourth Grade Series – Pick 2 Books in a Series

The Time Warp Trio by John Scieszka

Follow Jam, Sam, and Fred in a series of amazing adventures as they travel through history courtesy of a magical book.

Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar

Meet Marvin Redpost and get an honest and humorous view of how kids think and speak.

Where Is? Series by Various Authors

Each book takes a reader to different places on the globe. Each book includes interesting facts, photos, and sometimes maps.

Shelter Pet Squad by Cynthia Lord

Fun, upbeat adventures that spotlight kind, animal loving kids. Focuses on five kids working together to solve problems at the shelter.

Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Generally known as bad guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha decide they want to become heroes.

Sideways Stories from the Wayside School by Louis Sachar

The Wayside School is a place where many wacky things can, and do, happen.

I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis

Each book tells the history of an event from the past through the eyes of a child who lived to tell the tale. A mix of real history and exciting plots take you into real events that shaped our world.

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Grades 3 & 4 – 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.

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Circle one:

CHARACTERS

SETTING

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