



SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

2016 SUMMER READING—GRADE 5

Students entering grades 5 – 8 are required to complete summer reading prior to the 2016-2017 school year start. All students will be reading two books. **Fifth grade students** will be completing a packet on their required reading, *Wonder*; the packet will be sent home before the 2015-16 school year is over. The packet will be due within the first week of the 2016-17 school year. Upon returning in August, 5th grade students will complete a project on the book they chose to read from the Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Awards List.

You can purchase titles from most book stores, including Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. All titles are also available for check out from the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system.

5th grade students will ALL read *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and one choice from the 2017 Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award List.

5th grade REQUIRED book

Wonder by R.J. Palacio, 313 pgs.

Before the fifth grade, Auggie Pullman had never gone to school. His life had been an endless round of surgeries trying to lessen his facial deformities. Now he's functional, though far from normal-looking even as he sees the world as an otherwise ordinary kid. It's time for him to face middle school, and for middle school to figure out how to handle him.

BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 11.0

5th grade CHOICES – from the Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award List

Almost Super by Marion Jensen, 251 pgs.

Everyone in the Bailey family is a superhero; it is in their genes. The exciting day has finally come for Rafter and Benny to earn their amazing super powers! When the powers are bestowed, however, they turn out to be not-so-super. How are Rafter and Benny supposed to help their family fight the supervillain Johnson family with useless powers?

BL:4.2 – AR Pts:7.0. [Heroes, action, humor, fantasy, family]

The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond by Brenda Woods, 222 pgs.

Violet is like most of her friends: smart and funny, but her biracial heritage sets her apart at her mostly white school. People who don't know her ask if she's adopted, which makes her outspoken and now curious about her family. Though her deceased father's family has never sought her out, she sets out on a quest to meet them. Will they accept her?

BL:4.3 – AR Pts:6.0. [African American interest, search for heritage, family relationships, realistic fiction]

Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile by Marcia Wells, illustrated by Marcos Calo, 248 pgs.

Edmund Xavier Lonnot is an extraordinary sixth-grader with a photographic memory. When Edmund's ability to recall and sketch details is revealed after an encounter with the NYPD, he learns that his talent just might be what the detectives need to break a case. Given the codename "Eddie Red", Edmund attempts to help the NYPD catch the Picasso Gang and solve the art mysteries of the Museum Mile.

MG – BL:4.9 – AR Pts:6.0. [African American interest, mystery, realistic fiction, art, crime, humor]

I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters by Lauren Tarshis, 143 pgs.

The Children's Blizzard of 1888, the Titanic's voyage in 1912, The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919, the 2011 Japanese tsunami, and the Henryville tornado in 2012 – all were disasters on an epic scale. This work of nonfiction features not only these intense events but also the experiences of real kids who lived through them.

BL: 6.3 – AR Pts: 2.0. [Nonfiction, survival, natural disasters, short stories]

Odd, Weird & Little by Patrick Jennings, 149 pgs.

Toulouse Hulot is the new kid at Woodrow's school, but his newness doesn't draw attention as much as his unusual wardrobe, looks, and vocabulary. Nonetheless, he and Woodrow become fast friends in this story of humor and acceptance, and they eventually stand up to the bullies who target them.

BL:3.9 – AR Pts:3.0. [Friendship, bullying, animals]

Pack of Dorks by Beth Vrabel, 216 pgs.

Lucy starts out as one of the coolest kids in school, and overnight, due to one unfortunate event, becomes one of the lamest. In coping with her younger sister's special needs and being forced to find new friends, she learns that choosing between popularity and being herself, no matter how dorky, might not be such a challenge after all.

BL:4.5 – AR Pts:6.0. [Realistic fiction, bullying, Down Syndrome]

Wind Dancer by Chris Platt, 176 pgs.

Ali's passion was horses, until the accident. Her life changed in a flash, leaving her hesitant around the animals she once loved. Since then, Ali's brother Danny has come home from Afghanistan feeling damaged, an amputee with PTSD. Can a rescued Appaloosa horse help them both start to rebuild their lives?

BL:4.6 – AR Pts:5.0. [Animals, realistic fiction, PTSD, emotional healing]