Lanier Christian Academy
Lower School Summer Reading

Many studies have been done which indicate the positive effects of independent reading. Lanier Christian Academy seeks to encourage independent reading through the required summer reading program.

Choose your summer reading list based on the grade that you will be entering next school year. Students are expected to read the books on the summer reading list before returning to school in August.

Some students may complete the required summer reading and ask, "What can I read next?" The ACSI Survey of Recommended Reading List (pages 8-12) may be used as a resource for those who are looking for good books.

We encourage you to make reading a part of your child's daily routine this summer!

Summer Reading Benefits:

1. **Helps Avoid the "Summer Slide"-** Lack of reading during the summer causes students to lose up to two months of reading development.

2. **Builds Vocabulary and Better Writing** - It is easier to learn vocabulary when reading a book than trying to memorize words from the dictionary since the words make sense within the context the child is reading. Through reading, children learn more vocabulary which is used to write better sentences. Varied sentence structure is also modeled in books.

3. **Improves Memory**: Reading causes children to formulate a "mental map" of written text. The mental maps help students process words as they read and aid in memory and recall.

4. **Develops Analytical Thinking Skills**: Reading stories causes students' minds to keep guessing what will happen next.

5. **Improves Concentration**: Reading is an activity that requires undivided attention, and so it trains the brain to work and improves concentration.

Information copied from Top 10 Reasons Why Summer Reading Is Essential For A Child's Success! (kidsontheyard.com)

(Rising) Kindergarten and First Grade Summer Reading

Parent and child should read each day if possible. Students love to hear parents read. Hearing you read will help your child with his/her inflection and vocabulary. As you read, ask questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?" and "Why do you think he did that?" and "How do you think she was feeling about that?" Predicting and inferring are important to reading comprehension.
Specific to kindergarten: From time to time ask your child to point out any known letters or words.
Specific to first grade: On some days, choose books that your child can read to you. This will help the child review the phonics and sight words learned in kindergarten.

(Rising) Second Grade Summer Reading

Required:

1. Read *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel
2. Read two additional books from Accelerated Reader BookFinder : Accelerated Reader Bookfinder US - Quick Search (arbookfind.com)

AR tests will be taken when school starts.

(Rising) Third Grade Summer Reading

1) Read at least 2 books – one fiction and one non-fiction.
2) Complete the non-fiction form for the book read, and the fiction form for the other book of your choice. (forms on pages 4-6)

Students may choose to take Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes may once school starts to earn points towards the first quarter reading goal. Books may be checked at Accelerated Reader Bookfinder US - Quick Search (arbookfind.com) to see if there is an AR quiz available.

(Rising) Fourth Grade Summer Reading

Required:

1. *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. Complete the fiction form for *The Lemonade War*. (form on pages 5-6)
2. Read at least one non-fiction book. Complete the non-fiction form for the book read. (form on page 4)

3) Book report forms are due the first day of school.

Students may choose to take AR quizzes for both books once school starts to earn points towards the first quarter reading goal. The non-fiction book may be checked at Accelerated Reader Bookfinder US - Quick Search (arbookfind.com) to see if it has an AR quiz available.

My Nonfiction Book Report (Third-Fourth Grades)

Your Name: _____ Date Book Completed: _____
Book Title: _____
Book Author: _____
Number of pages of the book: _____

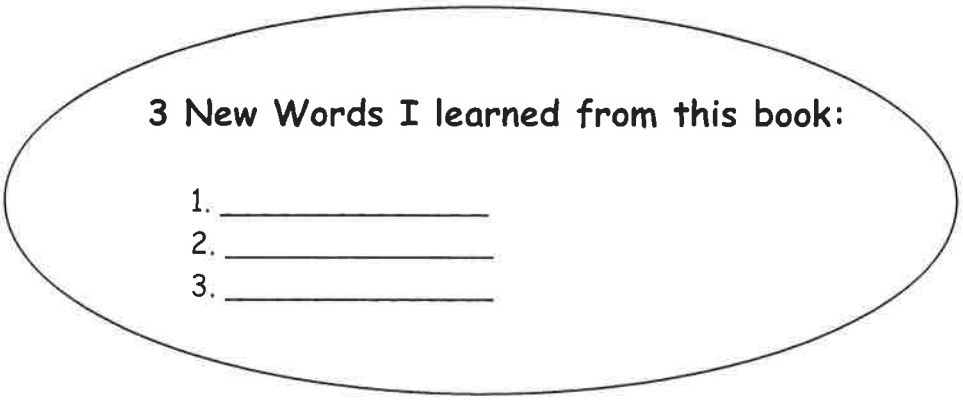
This book was a nonfiction book on the subject of _____.
Five things I learned from reading this book are:
1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



I would recommend or not recommend this book to others because:

Name _____ **Date** _____

Fiction Book Title _____

Author _____

Describe the setting where the story mainly takes place.

Describe the main character.

Name 3 other characters and write 1 fact about each.

Describe the main problem or conflict the characters are trying to solve.

Describe some things that happened as the characters tried to solve the problem.

Tell how the book ended.

Fifth Grade Summer Reading

(For students going into the fifth grade)

Required:Read Read The Water Horse By: Dick King-Smith complete the attached book report Reflection Sheet.

Choose one non-fiction book you can read independently and complete a poster OR a Google slide presentation about your book. Include the following things:

a. Book Title and Author's Name
b. Number of pages
c. Two new words you learned
d. 5-8 fun facts from the text
e. List text features in the book (ex, Table of Contents, Illustrations, Index, Glossary). There are many more; just list the ones you find in your book.)
f. Your Opinion of the Book

The Book Report Reflection Sheet for The Water Horse and the poster OR Google Slides presentation for your information book are ***due August 15th, 2025.*** *Once we set up Google Classroom for the year, you can turn in the Google Slides presentation there, or you can share it with your teacher via email.*

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Students will be required to take the AR quiz for The Water Horse By: Dick King-Smith by the end of August. Students may take an AR quiz for their nonfiction book of choice when school returns to earn points. Students can also keep track of books they read over the summer to take AR quizzes for those when we return to school in August.

Fifth Grade Summer Reading

(For students going into the fifth grade)

Required:Read Read The Water Horse By: Dick King-Smith complete the attached book report Reflection Sheet.

Choose one non-fiction book you can read independently and complete a poster OR a Google slide presentation about your book. Include the following things:

a. Book Title and Author's Name
b. Number of pages
c. Two new words you learned
d. 5-8 fun facts from the text
e. List text features in the book (ex, Table of Contents, Illustrations, Index, Glossary). There are many more; just list the ones you find in your book.)
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My Reading Reflection

By: _____

Main Idea:

Character:

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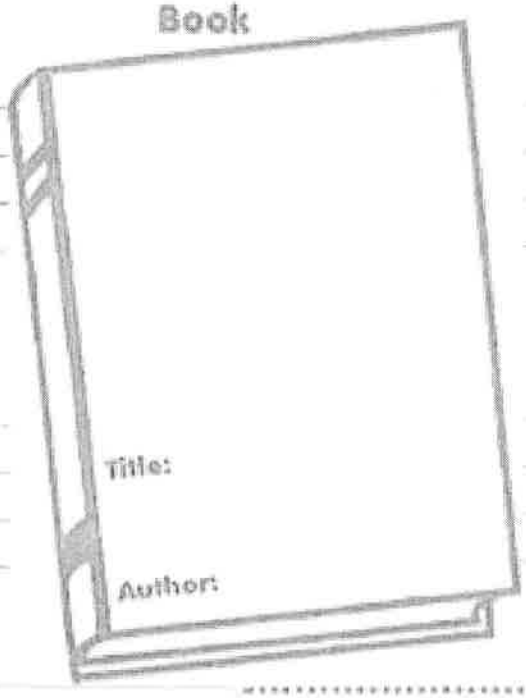
Book



Problem:

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Setting:

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Solution:

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Plot

Beginning:

Middle:

End:

Personal Response:

Connection: _____

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Emotion: _____

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Rating: _____

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ACSI Survey of Recommended Reading Lists (Kindergarten-Sixth Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Madeline by Bemelmans, Ludwig
Stone Soup: An Old Tale by Brown, Marcia
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Burton, Virginia Lee
The Grouchy Ladybug by Carle, Eric
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Carle, Eric
The Story About Ping by Flack, Marjorie
Millions of Cats by Gag, Wanda
Sammy the Seal by Hoff, Syd
The Snowy Day by Keats, Ezra Jack
The Carrot Seed by Krauss, Ruth
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Carle, Eric
Blueberries for Sal by McCloskey, Robert
Little Bear by Minarik, Else Holmelund
The Rainbow Fish by Pfister, Marcus
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Potter, Beatrix
Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak, Maruice
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
Noah's Ark by Spier, Peter
Charlotte's Web by White, E. B.
Harry the Dirty Dog by Zion, Gene

Additional Books for Preschool and Kindergarten

Anno's Counting Book
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth
Madeline Series
Berenstain Bears Series
Franklin Series
Clifford Series
Goodnight Moon
Runaway Bunny
Babar Series
The Little House
The Very Busy Spider
The Berry Quiet Cricket
Andy and the Lion
Are You my Mother?
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf
Ask Mr. Bear
Angus and the Cat
Corduroy
A Pocket for Corduroy
Dandelion
Little Red Hen
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones
Frances Series
Danny and the Dinosaur
The Tale of Three Trees
The Doorbell Rang
Rosie's Walk
Harold and the Purple Crayon
What Do You Say Dear?
Over in the Meadow
Peter's Chair
A Whistle for Willie
Leo the Late Bloomer
Story of Ferdinand
Swimmy
Inch by Inch
Frederick
Frog and Toad Series
George and Martha
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Make Way for Ducklings
One Morning in Maine
Winnie the Pooh Series
If You Give a Moose a Muffin
If You Give A Mouse a Cookie
Katy No-Pocket
The Little Engine That Could
Curious George Series
Cat in the Hat
Green Eggs and Ham
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
Ira Sleeps Over
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

The Velveteen Rabbit *The Sleepy Book*

First and Second Grade

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale by Aardema, Verna
Madeline by Bemelmans. Ludwig
Miss Nelson is Missing by Allard, Harry
The Velveteen Rabbit by Bianco, Margery Williams
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Burton, Virginia Lee
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Carle, Eric
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Cleary, Beverly
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalgliesh, Alice
Woof Finds a Family by Dobson, Danae
Corduroy by Freeman, Don
Ox-Cart Man by Hall, Donald
Danny and the Dinosaur by Hoff, Syd
The Snowy Day by Keats, Ezra Jack
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Lobel, Arnold
Make Way for Ducklings by McCloskey, Robert
The Mystery of the Carousel Horse by Murphy, Elspeth Campbell
Amelia Bedelia by Parrish, Peggy
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Potter, Beatrix
Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak, Maurice
Meet Kirsten, An American Girl by Shaw, Janet Beeler
Caps for Sale by Slobodkina, Esphyr
The Mitten: An Old Ukrainian Folktale by Tresselt, Alvin R.
Ira Sleeps Over by Waber, Bernard
The Boxcar Children Series by Warner, Gertrude
Little House in the Big Woods by Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Harry, the Dirty Dog by Zion, Gene

Additional Books for Grades One and Two

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
Song and Dance Man
The Emperor's New Clothes
Billy and Blaze Series
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Five Chinese Brothers
Clifford Series
Arthur Series
Stone Soup
The Chocolate Touch
Ramona Series
Miss Rumphius
Abraham Lincoln
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
Helen Keller
Christopher Churchmouse Series
The Christian Mother Goose
Flip
Petunia Series
Are You My Mother
The Story About Ping
Dandelion
Millions of Cats
Adventures in the Big Thicket
Little Toot
The Big Snow
Frances Series
Amazing Grace
Leo the Late Bloomer
Alex Series
The Chronicles of Narnia Series
Frederick
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Little Bear Series
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
Curious George Series
Nate the Great Series
American Girl Series
Crictor
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
The Velveteen Rabbit

Crow Boy

Third and Fourth Grades

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Atwater, Richard Tupper
Caddie Woodlawn by Brink, Carol Ryrie
Pilgrim's Progress Simplified by Bunyan, John
Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Dahl, Ronald
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalgliesh, Alice
The Tower Treasure by Dixon, Franklin
The Whipping Boy by Fleischman, Sid
My Side of the Mountain by George, Jean Craighead
Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life on Benjamin Franklin as Written by His Good Mouse, Amos by Lawson, Robert
Strawberry Girl by Lenski, Lois
The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by Lewis, C.S.
The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle by Lofting, Hugh
Sarah, Plain and Tall by MacLachlan, Patricia
Snow Treasure by McSwigan, Marie
The Borrowers by Norton, Mary
The Door in the Dragon's Throat by Peretti, Frank
Where the Red Fern Grows by Rawls, Wilson
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Robinson, Barbara
Black Beauty by Sewell, Anna
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Sobol, Donald
Heidi by Spyri, Joanna
The Boxcar Children Series by Warner, Gertrude Chandler
Stuart Little by White, E.B.
Little House in the Big Woods by Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Additional Books for Grades Three and Four

Born Free
Jo's Boys
Little Women
Little Men
Sounder
Miss Hickory
Peter Pan
The Wizard of Oz
Spirit Flyer Series
Freckle Face
Superfudge
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Paddington Series
Shoeshine Girl
The Little Princess
The Secret Garden
The Incredible Journey
The Midnight Fox
The Family Under the Bridge
Pinocchio
James and the Giant Peach
Daniel Boone
Helen Keller
The Wheel on the School
Hardy Boys Series
Twenty-One Balloons
The Matchlock Gun
The Hundred Dresses
The Moffats
Black Stallion Series
The Cabin Faced West
Stone Fox
Old Yeller
The Wind in the Willows
Misty of Chincoteague
Sugar Creek Gang Series
Nancy Drew Series
Lassie Come Home
Rabbit Hill
Pippi Longstocking
Number the Stars
Homer Price
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Island of the Blue Dolphins
The Indian in the Cupboard
Call it Courage
American Girl Series
Charlotte's Web
Trumpet of the Swan
The Cricket in Times Square

Swiss Family Robinson

Fifth and Sixth Grades

Little Women by Alcott, Louisa May
Caddie Woodlawn by Brink, Carol Ryrie
The Incredible Journey by Burnford, Sheila
The Door in the Wall by deAngeli, Marguerite
Hans Brinker or The Silver Skates by Dodge, Mary Mapes
The Black Stallion by Farley, Walter
Julie of the Wolves by George, Jean Craighead
Old Yeller by Gipson, Fred
King of the Wind by Henry, marguerite
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by Konigsburg
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by Lewis, C. S.
Number the Stars by Lowry, Lois
Kristy's Great Idea by Martin, Ann M.
Gentle Ben by Morey, Walt
Island of the Blue Dolphins by O'Dell, Scott
Hatchet by Paulsen, Gary

Additional Books for Grades Five and Six

Sounder
Tuck Everlasting
Turn Homeward, Hannalee
The Secret Garden
The Summer of the Swans
Dear Mr. Henshaw
Robinson Crusoe
A Christmas Carol
Hitty: Her First Hundred Years
Johnny Tremain
Blue Willow
My Side of the Mountain
The Wind in the Willows
A Father's Promise
The Phantom Tollbooth
The Jungle Book
Big Red
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch
Call of the Wild
White Fang
Anne of Green Gables Series

Rascal
The Borrowers
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Bridge to Terabithia
Cooper Kids Adventure Series
Pollyanna
The Yearling
Where the Red Fern Grows
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
The Good Master
Miracles on Maple Hill
The Bronze Bow
The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Star of Light
The Tanglewood Secret
Freedom Train
Kidnapped
Joni
Roll of Thunder Heary My Cry
The Cay