

St. Alphonsus Fall 2021 5th and 6th graders,

In order to be prepared for an amazing 2021-2022 school year, let's kick off the summer reading some great books together!

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

All students must read at least five (5) books total and keep a summer reading log. (Example log attached.) Two (2) of the books need to be from the following list. The books in this list were picked out by myself and Mrs. Murphy. These books recognize diversity, social justice, friendship, and middle school struggles. We have enjoyed reading them and hope you do too!

There will be a written assignment, in the Fall, on the books you choose. NO SUMMER PROJECT!

*****If you choose to read ten books or more, you will receive a FREE Spelling Lesson Homework Pass.**

Blended - Sharon Draper (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Echo – Pam Munoz Ryan (WW II)
The Lion of Mars – Jennifer L. Holm (MARS)
The Elephant in the Room – Holly Goldberg Sloan (TURKEY)
The Season of Styx Malone - Kekla Magoon (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Hello, Universe - Erin Entrada Kelly (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Front Desk - Kelly Young (CHINA)
The Red Pencil - Andrea Davis Pinkney (SUDAN)
A Long Walk to Water - Linda Sue Park (SUDAN)
Rebound – Kwame Alexander (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Track Series (Ghost, Patina, Sunny & Lu) – Jason Reynolds (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk (WW II)
Powerless – Matthew Cody (WW II)
Indian No More – Charlene Willing McManis & Traci Sorell (INDIAN RESERVATION)
Amina's Voice – Hena Khan (PAKISTAN)
Greenglass House – Kate Milford (FRIENDSHIP)
Where I'd Like to Be – Frances O'Roark Dowell (FRIENDSHIP)
The War That Saved My Life - Kimberley Brubaker Bradley (WW II)
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes - Eleanor Coerr (JAPAN)
Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan (MEXICO)
Beyond the Bright Sea - Lauren Wolk (FRIENDSHIP)
The Parker Inheritance - Varian Johnson (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Show Me a Sign - Ann Clare Lezotte (SOCIAL JUSTICE)
Chasing Secrets – Gennifer Choldenko (CHINA)
Wonder – R.J. Palacio (SOCIAL JUSTICE/FRIENDSHIP)

All of these books are in the school library and Mrs. Murphy will host library hours in August if you would like to check some out then. Keep an eye out for information in the Angels' Angle and the library Instagram page (stalphonsus_reads).

Happy Reading and Happy Summer!

Ms. Bender (and Mrs. Murphy)

2021 SUMMER READING LOG – 5th/6th Grades

TITLE	AUTHOR	PAGES	GENRE

PARENT SIGNATURE _____