



Summer Reading

for students entering 5th grade

summer reading information is posted on the school's website: www.stfrancisschool.org

IT'S VACATION! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

Learning and Reading researchers continually trumpet the fact that reading is the single most effective activity to prevent summer learning loss (a.k.a. the Summer Slump). Studies show that students who read as few as six books during the summer months gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the preceding school year, while students who don't read during the summer may fall back as much as a grade level in their skills.



REQUIRED SUMMER READING and ASSIGNMENT

for soon-to-be 5th graders

This summer you'll need to complete the Required Reading and assignment as well as two Reader's Choice books. You may ask for help understanding the assignment, but you must draft and edit it independently. The ideas and editing should reflect your abilities, not those of someone who helped you.

Required Reading and Assignment:

Read Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder and answer the following questions:

- ◆ What are some possible meanings of the book?
- ◆ What are some of the reasons people have volunteered to fight in our nation's wars?
- ◆ What are some of the reasons people have refused to fight?
- ◆ What are some of the challenges faced by people at the end of the war?
- ◆ How did Will change? What caused these changes?



Reader's Choice and Assignment: Choose at least two additional books to read this summer. Complete an OYO (on-your-own) project on at least one of them to be presented the first day of school.

SPANISH STUDENTS:

Read Aqui vivo yo by Amy White and create your own version of this book (Here Is Where I Live) in Spanish, describing the community where you live. (If you didn't do so before the end of school, please stop by the St. Francis School office and purchase the book for \$4.)



Reading is fun, but it's also good for your continued intellectual growth — you have to exercise the muscle between your ears to keep it strong, toned, and ready for heavy lifting in the fall.

