



Father Andrew White School 2025 Summer Reading and Math Instructions

June 6, 2025

Dear FAW Students and Families of Rising Grades 1-5,

Summer break is almost here and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great summer reading choices. We encourage our children to continue to make reading an important part of their daily schedule, even during the summer.

Our summer reading program consists of reading two books, creating a project on one of the books, and a packet (incoming grade 1) or IXL work (incoming grades 2-5). All students should read the two required books listed below. You may certainly read more, so be sure to keep a log of your reading to share with your teacher. The required books and IXL lessons are as follows: use the grade your child will be in the 2025-2026 school year.

Grade 1 - *Owl at Home* by Arnold Lobel (classic) and *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo (contemporary) **AND** a packet of math and reading activities from Mrs. Guerre (please contact her at guerre@fatherandrewwhite.org with any questions regarding the packet).

Grade 2 - *The Bears on Hemlock Mountain* by Alice Dagliesh (classic) and *Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro (contemporary) **AND** seven Math and seven Language Arts IXL lessons (1st Grade level)

Grade 3 - *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warren (classic) and *A True Home* by Kallie George (contemporary) **AND** seven Math and seven Language Arts IXL lessons (2nd Grade level)

Grade 4 - *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford (classic) and *The Very, Very Far North* by Dan Bar-el (contemporary) **AND** (assigned) Math and 10 Language Arts IXL lessons (3rd Grade level)

Grade 5 - *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* by Robert C. O'Brian (classic) and *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo (contemporary) **AND** IXL lessons from the MAP Growth Study Plan listed on the log sheet.

After reading the required books for your grade, each student should complete either a diorama or a descriptive poster showing your favorite part of the story (for either one of the books). These projects will be shared with your class when we return to school. Unless otherwise specified by their teacher, students may choose which IXL lessons to complete. (Please see the IXL log sheets.)

Have a wonderful summer and thank you for making reading a family priority.

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