



FAITH CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

SUMMER READING 2026

Rising Grades 3-5

Required Reading:

3rd Grade: *The Boxcar Children #2: Surprise Island*

4th Grade: *The Magician's Nephew*

5th Grade: *The Light and The Glory for Young Readers: 1492-1787*

5th grade required reading book needs to be a **hard copy, not digital and a **clean, new copy** without annotations from an older sibling.

REQUIRED BOOKS GRADES 3-5

FCS BOOK #	Author	Title ISBN	Summary		
300	Warner	Surprise Island 9780807576748	Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny have been living in a boxcar, but are spending the summer with their grandfather on their own private island, but they are finding there is a mysterious stranger on the island.		
400	Lewis	The Magician's Nephew 9780064471107	The Magician's Nephew brings the reader back to the very beginning of Narnia where we learn how Aslan created the world and how evil first entered it.		
500	Marshall	The Light and the Glory for Young Readers: 1492-1787 9780800733735	From the first sighting of land to the devout Pilgrims and Puritans to the Revolutionary War, it would seem God had a plan.		

Below are books you may enjoy reading over the summer!!!!

Fiction Grades 3-5

	Author	Title ISBN	Summary		
	Armstrong	Souder 9780064400206	Souder traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century.		

	Barrie	Peter Pan 9780147508652	One starry night, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell lead the three Darling children over the rooftops of London and away to Neverland--the island where lost boys play, mermaids splash and fairies make mischief.		
	Baum	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz 9781593082215	Follow the adventures of young Dorothy and her dog, Toto, as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in a strange land called Oz.		
	Birdsall	The Penderwicks 9780440420477	This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel.		
	Brink	Caddie Woodlawn 9780689815218	Whether she is crossing the lake on a raft, visiting an Indian camp, or listening to the tales of the circuit rider, Caddie's adventures provide an exciting and authentic picture of life on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s.		
	Burnett	Little Lord Fauntleroy 9780141330143	An American boy goes to live with his grandfather in England, where he becomes heir to a title and a fortune.		
	Burnett	The Secret Garden 9781593082772	When a chambermaid tells Mary about her mistress's garden, which her master locked up on her death, Mary is determined to find it.		
	Burnett	The Little Princess 9780141321127	Sara Crewe learns that deep down, being a real princess is an attitude of the heart		
	Burnford	The Incredible Journey 9780440226703	A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.		
	Byars	Midnight Fox 9780140314502	Tom dislikes spending the summer on his aunt's farm until he discovers a black fox in the forest and tracks her to her den.		
	Cleary	Dear Mr Henshaw 9780380709588	In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.		
	Cleary	Ralph Mouse Collection (Boxed set of 3) 9780064410045	This collection takes readers into a fantastic world, where it is easy to believe that an enterprising mouse can really ride a motorcycle.		
	Cleary	Ramona (Boxed set of 4) 9780061246470	Beezus tries very hard to be patient with her little sister, but four-year-old Ramona has a habit of doing the most unpredictable, annoying, embarrassing things in the world.		
	Cleary	Ribsy 9780380709557	Separated from his owner, Henry Huggins, in a shopping center parking lot, an ordinary city dog begins a string of bewildering adventures.		
	DeAngeli	The Door in the Wall 9780440227793	Ever since he can remember, Robin has been told what is expected of him as the son of a nobleman. He must learn the ways of knighthood.		
	DeCamillo	The Tale of Despereaux 1789763680893	Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea.		
	Enright	Thimble Summer (hardcover) 9781435119529	9-year-old Garnet Linden finds a silver thimble and can't help feeling that the thimble is a magic talisman, for the summer proves to be interesting and exciting.		
	Erdrich	The Birchbox House 9780786814541	The story of a young Ojibwa girl, Omakayas, living on an island in Lake Superior around 1847		
	Farley	The Black Stallion 9780679813439	Young Alec Ramsay is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important part in his life.		
	Gardiner	Stone Fox 9780064401326	Little Willy's Grandfather is sick, and it's up to Willy to save their farm from tax collectors. Their only hope is the prize money from the National Dogsled Race.		

	George	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i> 9780141312422	Sam Gribley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself.		
	Gipson	<i>Old Yeller</i> 9780064403825	The stray dog was ugly, and a thieving rascal, too. But he sure was clever, and a smart dog could be a big help on the wild Texas frontier.		
	Henry	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i> 9781416927839	Paul and Maureen have their hearts set on owning and taming the wild mare Phantom and her newborn colt.		
	Henry	<i>King of the Wind</i> 9781416927860	Although he was swift as the desert winds, Sham's pedigree would be scorned all his life by cruel masters and owners.		
	Henry	<i>Justin Morgan Had a Horse</i> 9781416927853	This spirited colt can pull heavier loads than a pair of oxen. And run faster than thoroughbreds!		
	Jacques	<i>Redwall</i> 9780441005482	What can the peace-loving mice do to defend themselves against Cluny and his army of rats? If only they had the sword of Martin the Warrior, they might have a chance.		
	Kipling	<i>Just So Stories</i> 9780141321622	The stories, first published in 1902, are pourquoi stories, fantastic accounts of how various phenomena came about.		
	Kjelgaard	<i>Big Red</i> 9780823423910	From the moment Danny sees the beautiful Irish setter, he knows Red is the dog for him.		
	Lawson	<i>Rabbit Hill</i> 9780140310108	New folks are coming to live in the Big House. The animals of Rabbit Hill wonder if they will plant a garden and thus be good providers.		
	Lenski	<i>Strawberry Girl</i> 9780064405850	Strawberries -- big, ripe, and juicy. Ten-year-old Birdie Boyer can hardly wait to start picking them.		
	Lindgren	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i> 9780142402498	Pippi Longstocking has crazy red pigtailed, no parents to tell her what to do, a horse that lives on her porch, and a flair for the outrageous that seems to lead to one adventure after another!		
	Lofting	<i>The Story of Dr. Dolittle</i> 9780440483076	Dr. Dolittle has an unusual gift: he can talk to animals.		
	Lovelace	<i>Betsy Tacy</i> 9780064400961	From the moment they, Betsy and Tacy become such good friends that everyone starts to think of them as one person—Betsy-Tacy		
	Lowry	<i>Number the Stars</i> 9780547577098	As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.		
	MacLachlan	<i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i> 9780062399526	Their mother died the day after Caleb was born. Their house on the prairie is quiet now, and Papa doesn't sing anymore. Then Papa puts an ad in the paper, asking for a wife, and he receives a letter.		
	McSwigan	<i>Snow Treasure</i> 9780142402245	The children had to slip past Nazi guards with nine million dollars in gold hidden on their sleds.		
	Montgomery	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> 9780553213133	As soon as Anne Shirley arrives at the snug white farmhouse called Green Gables, she is sure she wants to stay forever...but will the Cuthberts send her back to the orphanage?		
	Mowat	<i>Owls in the Family</i> 9780440413615	A young boy's pet menagerie – which includes crows, magpies, gophers and a dog – grows out of control with the addition of two cantankerous pet owls.		
	Naylor	<i>Shiloh</i> 9780689835827	When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight — and also big trouble.		
	Nesbit	<i>Five Children and It</i> 9780141321615	When the five children meet "It" in the gravel pit their lives suddenly become a lot more interesting.		

	Nesbit	<i>The Railway Children</i> 9780141321608	When their father goes away unexpectedly, three children have to move with their mother from their London home to a cottage in the countryside.		
	North	<i>The Borrowers</i> 9780152047375	The Borrowers are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor.		
	Richardson	<i>In Grandma's Attic</i> 9780781403795	A collection of stories of life in the late 19th century, many reflecting the Christian faith of the author's family.		
	Sewell	<i>Black Beauty</i> 9780451531742	A handsome horse with a glossy black coat and a pretty star on his forehead, Black Beauty seems to lead a charmed life.		
	Sorenson	<i>Plain Girl</i> 9780152047252	An Amish girl, Esther feels like "one black bird against the sky" in her plain clothes. So when she's forced to attend public school she's terrified.		
	Armstrong	<i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i> 9780375810497	In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and 27 men sailed from England in an attempt to become the first team of explorers to cross Antarctica.		
	Burns	<i>The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe</i> 9780544003262	Without honey bees there would be no honey, no beeswax for candles, and, worst of all, barely a fruit, nut, or vegetable to eat.		
	Grogan	<i>Marley: A Dog Like No Other</i> (youth version) 9780061240355	When the Grogan family is ready for a dog, they choose Marley, a yellow furball of a puppy who quickly grows into a large, rowdy Labrador retriever. (adapted for young readers)		
	Kimmel	<i>McElderry Book of Greek Myths</i> (hardcover) 9781416915348	Here are twelve of the most beloved legends of Greek mythology, from Pandora and her dreaded box to Icarus with his wings of wax, and, of course, greedy King Midas.		
	Kramer	<i>Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope</i> 9780618354054	There are hidden worlds in nature—places you can visit only with a microscope.		
	Macaulay	<i>Castle</i> 9780395329207	Text and detailed drawings follow the planning and construction of a "typical" castle		
	Macaulay	<i>Pyramid</i> 9780395321218	The intricate step-by-step process of the building of an Egyptian pyramid		
	Macaulay	<i>Cathedral</i> 9780395316689	Built to the glory of God, each cathedral was created by ingenuity, skill, and hard work.		
	Mallory	<i>Swimming with Hammerhead Sharks</i> 9780618250790	Hammerheads exhibit some remarkably sophisticated social behaviors, including their schooling in the hundreds at underwater seamounts in the Pacific Ocean.		
	Martin	<i>Yankee Doodle Boy</i> 9780823411801	Yankee Doodle Boy is the story of a young soldier's experiences during the American Revolution.		
	Morpurgo	<i>Beowulf</i> 9780763672973	Morpurgo retells this classic epic in a narrative for younger grades.		
	Rey	<i>The Stars</i> 9780547132808	Containing star charts, a guide to the constellations, and details about seasons and the movement of the objects we see in the sky.		
	Silverstein	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> (hardcover) 9780060572341	Shel Silverstein's magical poetry book.		
	Thimmesh	<i>Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon</i> (hardcover) 9780618507573	Apollo 11, the first moon landing, is a story that belongs to many, not just the few and famous.		