



St. George's

Episcopal School

3rd Grade Summer Reading

Required Read: "The One and Only Ivan" Author is Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate is a Newbery Medal-winning, free-verse novel based on the true story of a captive silverback gorilla. Written from Ivan's perspective, it features short, accessible chapters with themes of friendship, empathy, and animal rights that are highly engaging for third-grade readers.

Choose One for Entertainment:

"Freckle Juice" by Judy Bloom

Freckle Juice is a classic 1971 children's chapter book by Judy Blume. It follows young Andrew Marcus, who is so desperate for freckles that he buys a "secret" potion recipe from a teasing classmate for fifty cents. The disastrous results and the funny way he draws on fake freckles teach a great lesson about self-acceptance.

"Gooney Bird Greene" by Lois Lowry

Gooney Bird Greene is a second grade student who likes to be "right smack in the middle of everything"—and luckily for Gooney Bird, she usually is. She has a memorable sense of style that her classmates love, and so do readers.

"Frindle" by Andrew Clements

After Mrs. Granger assigns Nick a research report on the origins of the dictionary, he decides to create his own word. He convinces his classmates to call pens "frindles" instead, and the word quickly spreads across his school and eventually the entire country. The fad explodes into a massive media event, merchandising craze, and trust-fund generator, entirely out of Nick's control.

"Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Ronald Dahl

Fantastic *Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl is a clever, fast-paced children's book about a resourceful fox who outwits three mean, greedy farmers—Boggis, Bunce, and Bean. When the farmers try to trap and starve his family, Mr. Fox orchestrates a brilliant underground heist to secure a grand feast for all the local animals.