

St. Michael's Summer Reading 2026



Dear Families,

Summer is a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy reading and maintain the skills they have worked so hard to develop throughout the school year. We encourage your child to read regularly this summer and explore a variety of engaging texts, including picture books, chapter books, nonfiction, historical fiction, graphic novels, magazines, poetry, fantasy, and science fiction.

Students can earn points for their St. Michael's Blue or White house team by participating in the summer reading program! Read on to find out more.

Enclosed in this envelope you will find your child's summer reading materials. They can also be accessed on the school website by clicking the **Summer Reading** tab and selecting the grade your child will enter in September. Please note that the materials will be **available online by the end of June**.

Summer Reading Requirements

Recommended Books: We recommend that students entering grades 1 and 2 read and/or have 5-10 books read to them and students entering grades 3 and 4 read 3-5 books over the summer.

Book Log: Students should keep track of their summer reading using the book log provided in this envelope and **bring the log to school in the fall to share with their class**.

Book Review Activity: Students should complete at least one book review of a book they read this summer using the form provided in this envelope and **bring this form back on their first day of school in September**. **All students who complete and return their book reviews to their classroom teachers will receive a point for their house.** Remember these points will go a long way to helping your child's team win the house championship at the end of the year! **Go Blue and White!**

Finding Books to Read

There are many ways for your child to access high quality books:

- Your local library is a great place to start.
- Digital books can be checked out using the Ocean State Library E-Zone. Simply log on with your library card number and then select and download a book to the device of your choice.
- Paper or digital books can be purchased from your local book shop or ordered from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Scholastic and many other online stores.
- Students can reread favorite books that they already have at home.
- Students may read and listen to books using:
 - Epic! (<https://www.getepic.com/>)
 - Storyline Online (<https://www.storylineonline.net/>)
 - Pebble Go, Pebble Go Next or Capstone Books (<https://www.capstonepub.com/library/>)

To help you and your child select books, we have provided several summer reading book lists. In addition, here are links to the **Rhode Island Children's Book Award nominees for 2026** (<https://olis.ri.gov/youth/ricba/winners.php>) compiled by the State of Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Sciences and the **2026 Notable Children's book list** (www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb) published by the American Library Association. Please note that these lists are only suggestions to help you get started. You and your child should feel free to choose any titles that are of interest, not just the ones on these lists.

Thank you for supporting our summer reading program. We hope your summer is filled with fun, family, and lots of enjoyable reading. We can't wait to hear about the books your child discovered when school begins again in the fall.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the program.

Fondly,
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