

# Grades 3 - 5 Summer Reading Work 2026-2027

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer Reading has officially started! At Cathedral we believe that summer is a crucial time to keep our students engaged in learning and to prevent the “summer slide”. The summer slide can be avoided by ensuring that children are as engaged as possible in whatever they choose to read—just as long as they are reading every day!

Students entering 3rd through 5th grades are required to read at least FIVE books:

- ONE required read (see list below).
- FOUR other books of their choice (they should refer to the Choice Board to record what they read).

When students return to school in September, they will discuss and complete assignments based on the required reading for their grade level. Reading over the summer should be fun and encompass a variety of books at your child’s reading and interest level. Encourage your child to read through different mediums— print books, audiobooks, or ebooks. To make reading enjoyable, your child can read to you, a sibling, or you can snuggle up and read together! We have enclosed a Summer Reading “Choice Board” below, which your child will use as a log for their other FOUR free choice reads. *Choice Boards are due September 4, 2026.*

## Required Reads:

Incoming Grade 3: *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

Incoming Grade 4: *Caterpillar Summer* by Gillian McDunn

Incoming Grade 5: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

Sincerely,

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## The School of the Cathedral Summer Reading Grades 3-5

### Choice Board

Read an adventure story.  Title_____	A book about children living in a different country.  Title_____	Read outside for 20 minutes!  Title_____	Read and make a recipe from a cookbook.  Title_____
Read a book about sports.  Title_____	A book with an animal as the main character.  Title_____	Read a historical fiction book.  Title_____	Read a book that has won an award.  Title_____
Read a book that your mom or dad read when they were your age.  Title_____	Read a graphic novel.  Title_____	Read a book about one of your favorite interests/hobbies.  Title_____	Read a book by an author you have read before.  Title_____
Read from a poetry book.  Title_____	Read about kids making a difference.  Title_____	Read a book about a family.  Title_____	Read a book that you borrowed from a friend.  Title_____

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_