

Saint John the Beloved Academy

SUMMER READING FOR RISING 4TH GRADERS 2023



GREETINGS PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Dear Parents,

The books, stories and poems have been carefully selected to foster an enjoyable and thoughtful reading experience. Enjoy this special time with your child. These assignments are meant to be enriching and meaningful. Be sure to balance the assignments with lots of fun, enjoyable time outside with family and friends.

Best to you and your family,

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Headmaster

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Assistant Headmaster

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CORE ELEMENTS FOR RISING 4TH GRADERS

Journal & Books

- You will need a writing journal
- Choose 3 books to read from the list below or pick a book(s) from the recommended reading list shared in May.
- Draw a picture of something interesting from each book.
First sketch the picture in pencil and then color.
- Write 1-2 paragraphs in your journal describing each picture (pictures may be drawn and placed inside your journal if you would like).



The Black Stallion - Walter Farley

Farmer Boy - Laura Ingalls Wilder

Peter Pan - James Barrie

Viking Adventure - Clyde Robert Bulla

The Enormous Egg - Oliver Butterworth

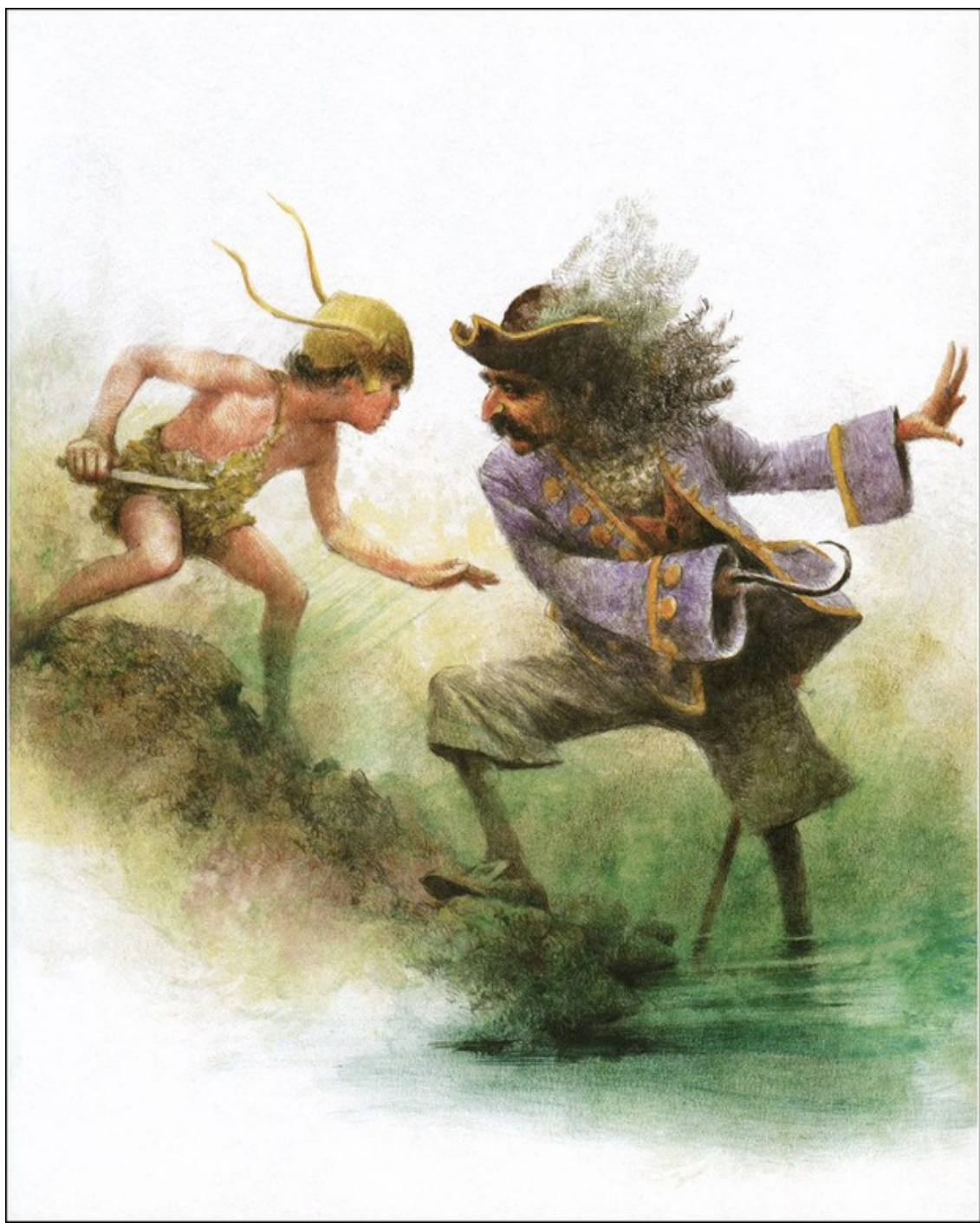
The Singing Hill - Meindert DeJong

Ginger Pye or The Moffats - Eleanor Estes

The Whipping Boy or By the Great Horn Spoon! - Sid Fleischman

The Boy Knight - G.A. Henty

The Box of Delights - John Masefield



Peter Pan illustration by Robert Ingpen

Poems

- **Read all four recommended poems, copy one in your journal and memorize, reciting it at home (at the dinner table or some other spontaneous moment). This will also be recited at school.**

"Be Strong" by M.D. Babcock

"George Washington" by Stephen and Rosemary Benet

"Jim" by Hilaire Belloc

"The Arrow and the Song" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Spiritual

- Read the Nativity scene from the Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20 (Nativity)
- Imagine you are a shepherd at the scene of Christ's birth in a cave in Bethlehem. Describe the scene and tell it like a story, beginning with first seeing and hearing the angels and then traveling to find the baby.

Please examine N.C. Wyeth's illustrations "On Christmas Night in Bethlehem Town" and Henry Ossawa Tanner's "Annunciation to the Shepherds" (*below*) to help you enter the scene of those moments.

- Suggestion, pray this joyful mystery of the rosary at least once a week. Before you pray it, pause for a few moments, be still and imagine the scene of the nativity as if you were there, perhaps also imagining how Mary or Joseph felt at that moment.



"YOU CAN MAKE ANYTHING BY WRITING." — C.S. LEWIS

House of Alpha



Love

House of Blue



Contemplation

House of Eagle

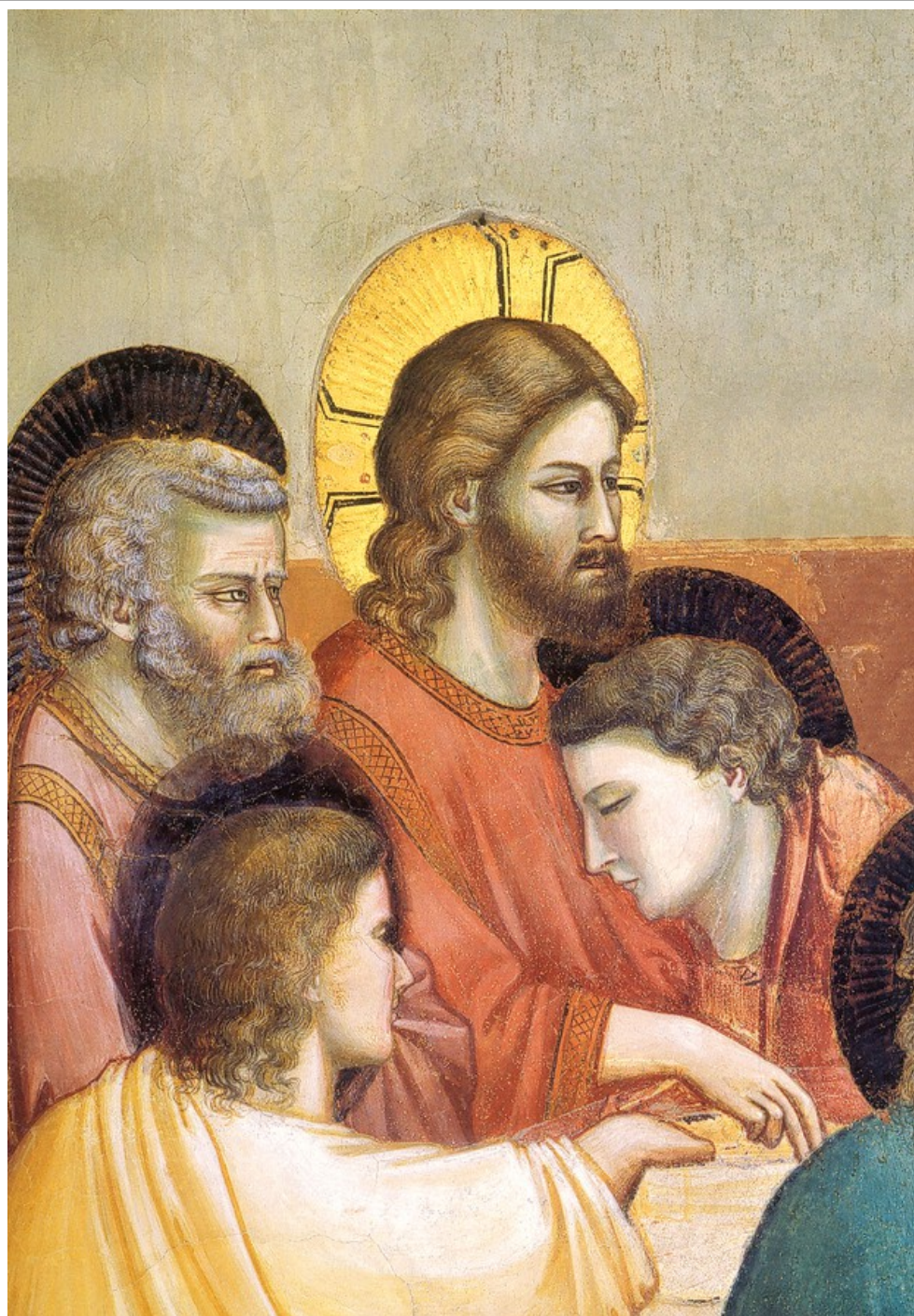


Inspiration

House of Omega



Wisdom



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Top painting: *The Bridle Path* by Winslow Homer

