

# Summer Reading for 1st Graders 2024

St John the Beloved Academy



## 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,

Mr. Jeffrey P. Presberg  
Headmaster

### House of Alpha



Love

### House of Blue



Contemplation

### House of Eagle



Inspiration

### House of Omega



Wisdom

## Core Elements of Summer Reading for Rising First Grade

### Readings

- From the reading list below, choose 5 books to be read silently or aloud with parents. Parents may choose to read some of the books to their child--at the parent's discretion.

Quiet - Tomie dePaola

Book of Bible Stories - Tomie dePaola

Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland - Tomie dePaola

The Good Samaritan - Tomie dePaola

The Parables of Jesus - Tomie dePaola

My First Easter - Tomie dePaola

The Legend of the Poinsettia - Tomie dePaola

Mary, the Mother of Jesus - Tomie dePaola

Stone Soup - Marcia Brown

Beatrice's Goat - Page McBrier

The Picnic - Ruth Brown

The Quiltmaker's Gift - Jeff Brumbeau

Flower Garden - Eve Bunting

A House for Hermit Crab - Eric Carle

The Cat in the Hat - Dr. Seuss

Green Eggs and Ham - Dr. Seuss

Too Much Noise - Ann McGovern

Snowmen at Night - Caralyn Buehner

The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle

Diary of a Worm - Doreen Cronin

Is Your Mama a Llama? - Deborah Guanino

Child's Book of Prayers - Michael Hague

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? - Bill Martin



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus - Mo Willem

A Walk Through Our Church - Gertrud Mueller Nelson

Where Does God Live? - Holly Bea

Corduroy - Don Freeman

The Lord's Prayer - Lois Rock

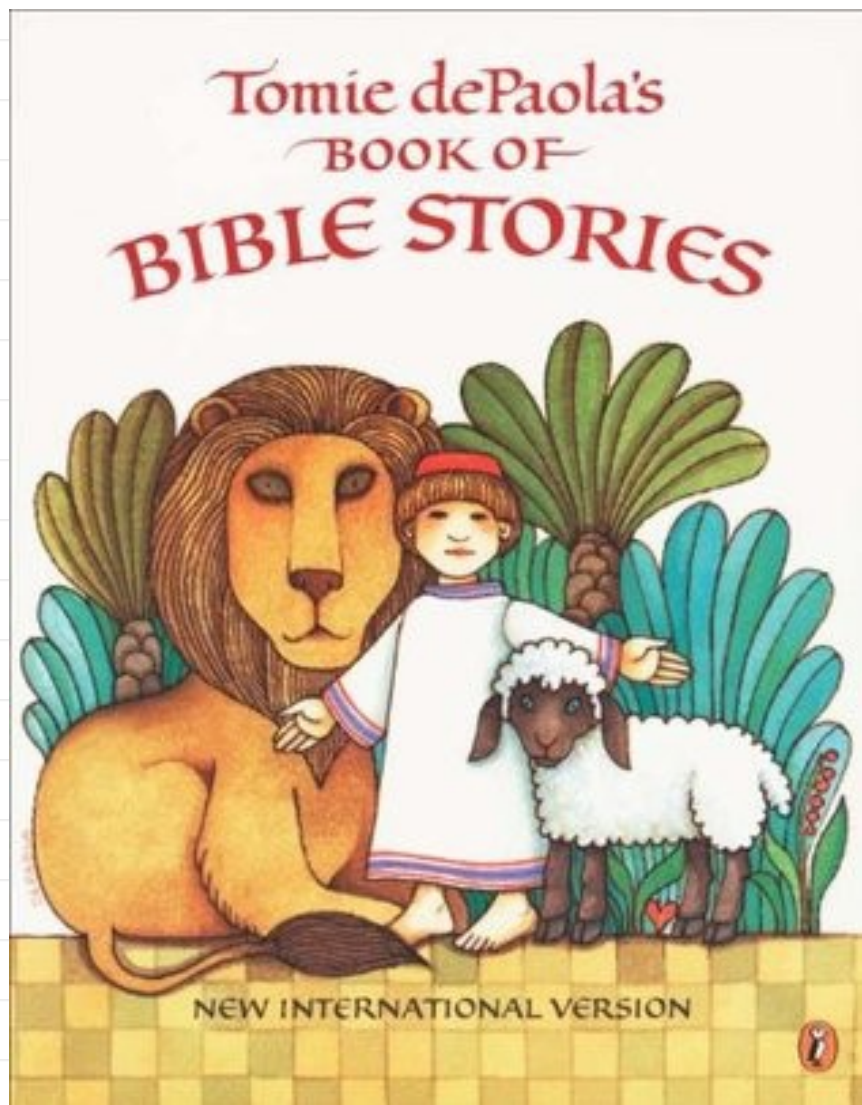
Giraffes Can't Dance - Giles Andreae

The Lion and the Mouse - Gail Herman

Love You Forever - Robert Munsch

Make Way for the Ducklings - Robert McCloskey

I Like Bugs - Margaret Wise Brown



### Poems

- Read all three poems aloud.
- Memorize at least one, reciting it at home (at the dinner table or some other spontaneous moment). This will also be recited at school.

"Now We Are Six" by A.A. Milne

"Rain" by Robert Louis Stevenson

"Fog" by Carl Sandburg

### Aesop's Fables

- Choose two Aesop's Fables to read.

The Fox and the Grapes

The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs

The Mice in Council

The Lion and the Mouse

The North Wind and the Sun

The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Boy and the Wolf

The Hare and the Tortoise

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

The Grasshopper and the Ants

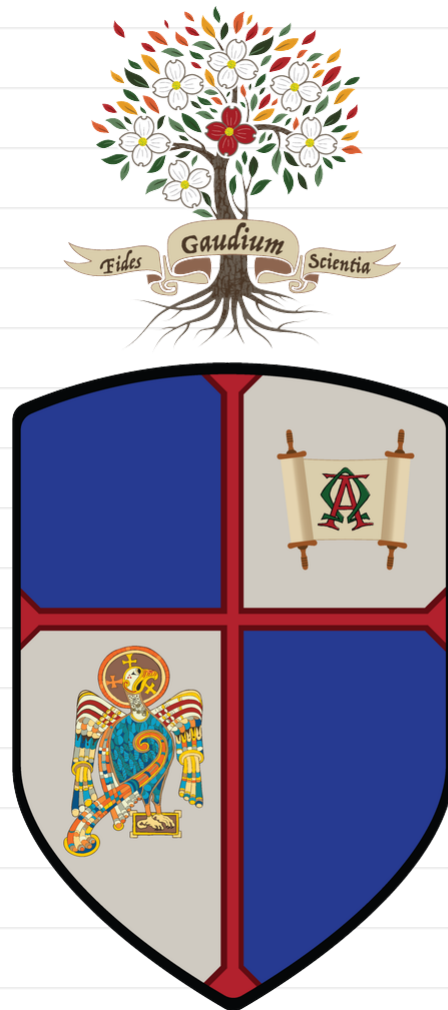
We also recommend that you read (or retell) folktales to your child, such as *Rumpelstiltskin* by the Brothers Grimm and *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen.



*"It is wonderful what you can do when you have to."*  
C.S. Lewis

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## St John the Beloved Academy

Saint John the Beloved Academy was founded in 1954 to offer quality Catholic education to parish children. Saint John the Beloved Academy continues to provide children in preschool through eighth grade with a Catholic liberal arts education rooted in rich tradition of academic excellence and spiritual formation, captured by the school's motto, "*Fides, Scientia, et Gaudium.*" By Faith, children are led beyond themselves to entrust their formation to God. By forming the entire child, we impart the Knowledge for both intellectual and spiritual growth. The Mission of Saint John the Beloved Academy is manifested in genuine Christian Joy—rooted in the Sacraments, self-sacrifice, charity, and service to others.



Christine White