

Summer Reading for 2nd Graders 2025

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,

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 Second Graders

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.

Book of Bible Stories - Tomie dePaola

The Parables of Jesus - Tomie dePaola

Quiet - Tomie dePaola

The Miracles of Jesus - Tomie dePaola

Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland - Tomie dePaola

The Good Samaritan - Tomie dePaola

My First Easter - Tomie dePaola

The Legend of the Poinsettia - Tomie dePaola

The Tale of Three Trees - Angela Elwell Hunt

James and the Rain - Karla Kuskin

The Story of Ferdinand - Munro Leaf

Red Wolf Country - Jonathan London

Beatrice's Goat - Page McBrier

Jumping Bean - Edna Miller

Mousekin's Christmas Eve - Edna Miller or any other Edna Miller book

Cam Jansen Series - David Adler

Frog and Toad Series - Arnold Lobel

Henry and Mudge Series - Cynthia Rylant

Mr. Putter and Tabby Series - Cynthia Rylant



To be quiet and still is a special thing.

...from *Quiet*...

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.

"At the Zoo" by William Makepeace Thackeray

"The Moon" by Robert Louis Stevenson

"The Eagle" by Alfred Lord Tennyson

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

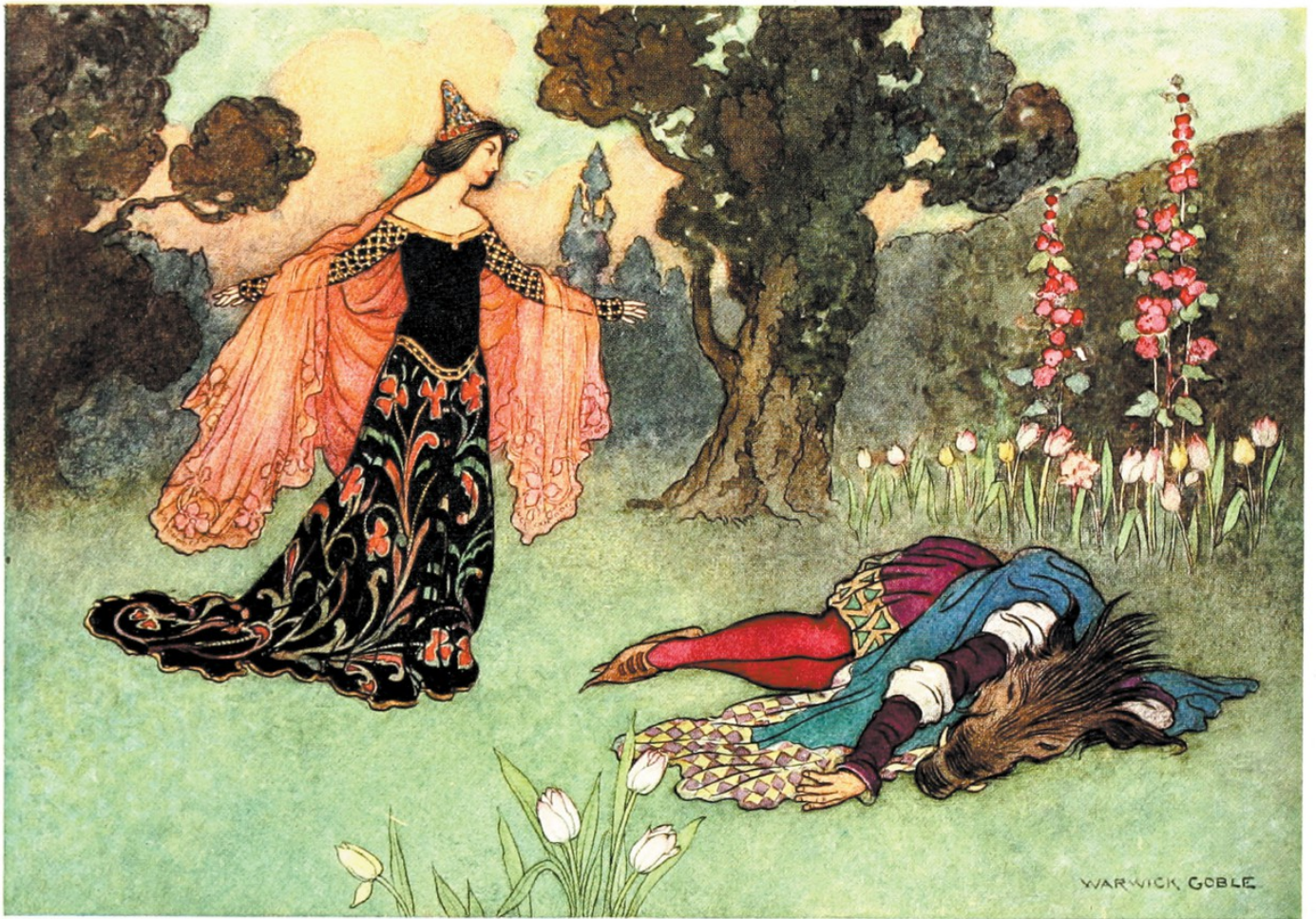
Boy and the Wolf

The Hare and the Tortoise

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

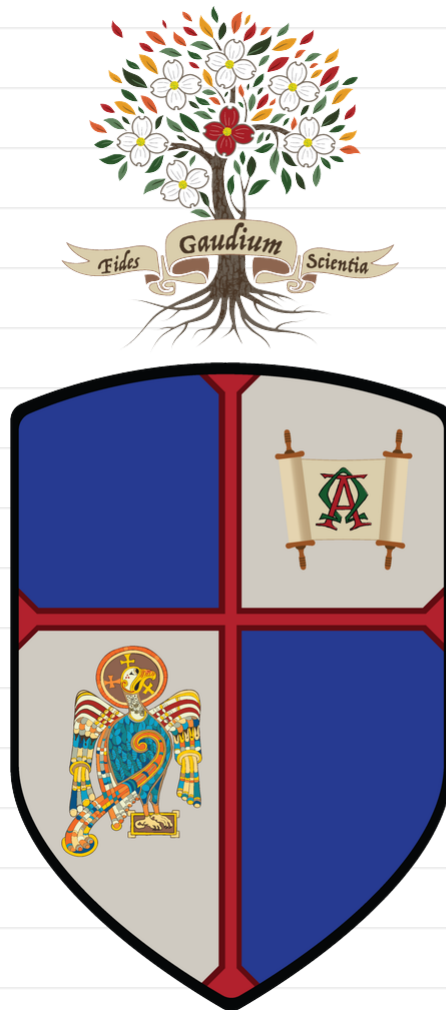
The Grasshopper and the Ants

We also recommend that you read (or retell) folktales to your child, such as *Beauty and the Beast* by Charles Perrault and *The Tinderbox* by Hans Christian Andersen.



"You have not chosen one another, but I have chosen you for one another." C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves

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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.

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