

St. John the Baptist School
June 2021

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

Over the summer you are required to read at least three books. The following title is required:

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

In addition, choose two titles from the books listed below OR one from this list and one from the upper grade nonfiction list (on back and on school website):

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Souder by William Howard Armstrong

Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder

Awkward or Brave by Svetlana Chmakova (only ONE of these)

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Abel's Island by William Steig

Africa is My Home by Monica Edinger

Do not complete a project for the required title. You will be assessed on your knowledge of this title upon your return to school. For two of the books, complete the activities listed on the attached instructions. These assignments are due the first day of school. They will contribute to your literature grade.

I think you'll enjoy these novels. Have a great summer.

Happy Reading!

Ms. Calabrese