

Required Books

Assignment

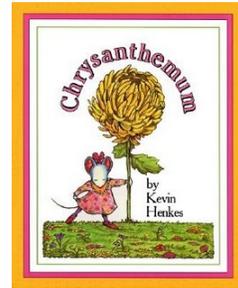
Whether it's relaxing by the pool, taking road trips, or cuddling up in bed at night there's no better time than summer to enjoy reading! Experts agree that children who read over the summer have a definite advantage over non-readers.

Reading opens the possibilities to learn and grow as an individual, to succeed in academics, to connect with others, to develop empathy, and to become an engaged participant in the civic life of the community (Allyn & Ernest, *Every Child a Super Reader*).

Recognizing the important role that reading plays in education, Saint Andrew's requires students in grades K-8 to participate in the summer reading program. **Students may read individually or with the help of an adult.**

During the summer months students entering 1st grade are required to read at least two books:

- ◇ ***Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes**
- ◇ ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat**



***Chrysanthemum*
by Kevin Henkes**

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is absolutely perfect—until her first day of school. "You're named after a flower!" teases Victoria. "Let's smell her," says Jo. *Chrysanthemum* wilts. What will it take to make her blossom again?

-Amazon



***The Adventures of Beekle:
The Unimaginary Friend*
by Dan Santat**

This magical story begins on an island far away where an imaginary friend is born. He patiently waits his turn to be chosen by a real child, but when he is overlooked time and again, he sets off on an incredible journey to the bustling city, where he finally meets his perfect match.

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A name is what defines us. It is what sets us apart, makes us unique. How they were chosen helps us better understand where we come from and who we are.

After reading *Chrysanthemum*, students should complete the attached sheet pertaining to the origin of their own name. This completed assignment should be brought to school on open house day or the first day of school.

Students should be prepared to complete an assignment based on *The Adventures of Beekle* when they return to school in the fall.

For Further Reading, Try These Authors:

Laura Murray
Laura Numeroff
Kevin Henkes
Doreen Cronin
Mo Willems
Ian Falconer
Laura Gehl



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Additional Recommendations

Picture Books

Sheep 101 by Richard Morris

My Pet Wants a Pet by Elise Broach

First Grade Dropout by Audrey Vernick

Gingerbread Stories by various authors

Pig the Pug Stories by Aaron Blabey

Chapter Book Series

Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope
Osbourne

Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

The Adventures of Sophie the Mouse
by Poppy Green

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for
Students Entering
First Grade

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