

# 2nd Grade Summer Reading 2015

## Our Lady of Sorrows School

*Make reading as central to your summer as going to the pool, eating ice cream, and sleeping late. Children build their vocabulary and imagination from listening to stories (see back) and reading independently. Plus, reading is fun!*

Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be **required** to read **one** selected book and complete a book report form available online, <http://www.olsschool.com/>. Sign up for the summer reading program at your favorite public library and enjoy hot summer days with good books. ☺  
( <http://jclc.org/> ) **Happy reading!** Mrs. Blair

### Required Reading for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Nate the Great** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat -- Pancake-eating detective Nate solves the mystery of a missing picture. What clues close the case?

**Amelia Bedelia** by Peggy Parish -- Lovable Amelia Bedelia just can't get anything straight. It's her first day on the job and Mrs. Rodgers has left her a list of things to do. How can she get so mixed up?

**Alvin Ho Allergic to Girls, School, and other Scary Things** by Lenore Look (first of a series)  
Second grader Alvin Ho has never said a single word in school. It is just too scary. Alvin worries about substitute teachers, thunder, shots, and the dark. Follow Alvin's life as he trades his brother's favorite baseball card to the class bully, curses in Shakespearean verse, and tries to be a superhero.

**Amber Brown is Not a Crayon** by Paula Danziger -- Amber Brown and Justin Daniels have been best friends practically forever. Between building a giant chewing gum ball, sitting beside each other in class, and helping each other with problems, they are an amazing team. What happens when Justin has to move away?

### Authors to Enjoy

David Adler  
Avi  
Judy Blume  
Betsy Byars  
Ann Cameron  
Denys Cazet  
Beverly Cleary  
Andrew Clements  
Debbie Dadey  
Roald Dahl  
Paula Danziger  
Kate DiCamillo  
Betsy Duffey  
Patricia Reilly Giff  
Stephanie Greene  
Dan Gutman  
Charise Mericle Harper

Polly Horvath  
James Howe  
Johanna Hurwitz  
Dick King-Smith  
Katy Kelly  
Suzy Kline  
Gail Carson Levine  
Grace Lin  
Lenore Look  
Lois Lowry  
Patricia MacLachlan  
Jake Maddox  
Megan McDonald  
Kate McMullan  
Marissa Moss  
Phyllis Naylor  
Mary Pope Osborne

Linda Sue Park  
Sara Pennypacker  
Jack Prelutsky  
Barbara Park  
Ron Roy  
Cynthia Rylant  
Louis Sachar  
Jon Scieszka  
Barbara Seuling  
Marjorie W. Sharmat  
Shel Silverstein  
Donald J. Sobol  
Wendelin Van Draanen  
Rich Wallace  
Mo Willems  
E.B. White  
Jane Yolen

# Great Family Read - Alouds

Mrs. Blair suggests these literary adventures for your summer vacation!

## **Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie** by Julie Sternberg

“My hand missed Bibi.” She would hold it and say, “This is the best hand. I love this hand.” Bibi was soon-to-be third grader Eleanor’s babysitter. Bibi has moved back to Florida to take care of her sick father. Eleanor is having a very bad August. In her own words, Eleanor shares what it feels like to lose someone very special who has been there every day of your life. It’s as bad as a “spiderweb on your leg.” But things get better. Meet the new people in Eleanor’s life: upstairs neighbor Agnes who sings to Beatles’ songs, babysitter Natalie who brings lemons and sugar for a lemonade stand, postal carrier Val who finally brings a letter from Bibi, and teacher Mr. Campanelli who has crazy hair if he’s not careful.

## **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

Part true, part imagined, this heartwarming story shares the caged life of Ivan, a silverback gorilla, who lives with two elephants and a stray dog in a shopping mall. Ivan is based on a real gorilla who existed in a small cage for twenty-seven years before public protests led to his move to Zoo Atlanta. The extraordinary twist to this novel is that Ivan narrates the story. His observations about humans, his attachment to baby elephant Ruby, and his love for drawing make you root for Ivan and his friends and the life they deserve. You will not be able to put this book down. 2012 Newbery winner.

## **Secrets at Sea** by Richard Peck

Helena, the oldest sister, feels deeply responsible for Beatrice, Louisa and Lamont. Her mother was killed by the barn cat and sadly her father and two other sisters drowned in a rain barrel. So Helena keeps an eye on her siblings as well as their upstairs human neighbors. When the Cranstons embark on a voyage to give their eldest daughter Olive “Her Chance” to find a suitable husband, the mice anticipate a crumb-free household and jump aboard. Despite a healthy fear of water and a one-eyed, “kill-crazy” cat, the mice delightfully discover a shipload of mice on the trip: handsome ship steward Nigel, elegant Lord Peter Henslow, and impressive Duchess of Cheddar Gorge, among others. If you liked Avi’s *Poppy*, you’ll love this hilarious, romantic, death-defying tale on the high seas.

## **Flora & Ulysses : The Illuminated Adventures** by Kate DiCamillo

"Holy bagumba!" Ten-year-old Flora Belle Buckman’s life takes a turn when she literally breathes new life (CPR) into a squirrel sucked into her neighbor’s Ulysses Super Suction vacuum cleaner. The squirrel, newly named Ulysses, now thinks beyond “I’m hungry!”, writing poetry and exploring his new superhero powers. Flora, a superhero comics fan, believes Ulysses is destined for greatness. One enemy stands in his way: Flora’s romance-writing, self-centered mother who is determined to get rid of Ulysses. Flora’s parents have split up – an arrangement Flora finds hard to accept. She hides her disappointment with a gloomy view on things but Ulysses breathes new life into Flora, helping her see the beauty in life even when those close to you let you down. Master storyteller DiCamillo has spun a hilarious and heartwarming tale. 2014 Newbery winner.