

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2015

## Our Lady of Sorrows School

*I plan to read and blog on the library website, <http://olslibrary.weebly.com/>, this summer and hope you'll join me talking about books. Happy vacation! Mrs. Blair*

Upcoming 3<sup>rd</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/> )

### **Required Reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** (choose one)

**Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume -- Nicky has millions of freckles. Andrew wants freckles to hide dirt on his neck from his mother's eyes. Then, know-it-all Sharon comes up with a solution: for fifty cents, she'll give Andrew a secret freckle juice recipe. Read this funny story and see what happens.

**Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner -- Ten-year-old Willie needs \$500 to pay the tax collector and keep his grandfather's farm in Wyoming. When he sees the poster for the National Dogsled Race, he knows he must enter. Follow this exciting race and see who wins.

**Clementine** by Sara Pennypacker – Eight-year-old Clementine is one of a kind. She'll remind you of Judy Moody and Junie B. Jones. First, she gives Margaret a major haircut. Then, she gives herself one. What will she think of next?

**Quigleys** by Simon Mason -- Cross the Atlantic and meet the Quigleys, who may remind you of the Quimbys. Lucy insists on being a bee for an upcoming wedding. Will yearns for a harpy eagle. Dad only wants to watch a football, that is soccer, game. Mum's trying to hold it all together. 1<sup>st</sup> of a series.

**The Spiderwick Chronicles, The Field Guide** by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black – What could a doll's head, tiny lead soldiers and a yellowing riddle mean? Join the adventures of the Grace children who settle into their Great Aunt Lucinda's shabby but elegant house, discovering a fairy field guide.

**A to Z Mysteries** series by Ron Roy. Every good mystery has a crime, victim, clues, suspects, possible eyewitness, and sleuths on the trail. Join Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose as they follow their leads. *The Absent Author* is the first one but they each stand alone so take your pick!

**The Year of the Dog** by Grace Lin. Fried golden dumplings, steamed buns and sizzling shrimp fill up Pacy's family table for the Chinese New Year feast. Each year a different animal symbolizes what the year may bring. Just as a dog seeks company, so will Pacy learn about friends, family, and herself. Newbery award-winning author and illustrator, Lin weaves a delightful tale.

**I Was a Third Grade Spy** by Mary Jane Auch. Brian's dog Arful narrates a funny story of becoming a spy when a scientific experiment of hypnotism goes wrong. Arful can talk! The boys send Arful undercover to see what their "enemy" Emily Venable is planning for the school talent show.

# Great Family Read - Alouds

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

## **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. Wonderful read-a-loud for all ages.

## **Joshua Dread** by Lee Bacon

“Our class got out of sixth period early the day my parents tried to flood earth.” So begins a terrific read about sixth grader Joshua Dread whose parents are super villains. The Dread Duo, his mom uses zombies and mutant house plants for her dastardly deeds, while his dad invents life-threatening gadgets like the one bringing a typhoon to their town. Their arch nemesis, Captain Justice, does save the world for another day but it's so embarrassing. All of a sudden Joshua detects strange things are happening around him: a pencil spontaneously combusts; bullies get stuffed into school lockers. What is going on? Could he have superpowers too? Join Joshua, Sophie and Milton for a fast-paced, page turner full of laughs and surprising developments.

## **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, winning last year’s Newbery.