



"The more you read, the more things you know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go". Dr. Seuss

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

One of the most important things we can do for our children is to read aloud to them, share read with them, have them read to you, and set aside quality time so they can read quietly to themselves. These reading experiences are wonderful parent-child sharing times and will help your children to not only love books but also become stronger readers.

Reading to your child or having your child read to you keeps him/her from losing ground over the summer. Listed below are a few suggestions for picture books and chapter books to read aloud to your child. Please note that these are only suggestions; you and your child may find other books that you would enjoy reading.

Also, there are 3 easy book report forms from which your child can choose when he/she is finished reading. Please complete at least 5 reports to hand in on the first day of school.

Bedtime for Frances

by Russell Hoban, Garth Williams (illus.)

It may be bedtime for Frances, but that doesn't mean Frances is ready to go to bed -- not by a long shot. First she must have a glass of milk and make certain Mother and Father have each kissed her good night (twice). Then she is ready to imagine there is a tiger in her room, and a giant, and ... each time Frances thinks up something new, off she goes to tell her ever-patient, if increasingly weary, parents. The familiar delaying tactics of Frances the song-singing badger have delighted fans young and old for more than three decades. Combining sympathetic understanding with gentle humor, Russell Hoban created in Frances a character at once immediately recognizable and eminently likable. In this new edition, the warmth of full color enriches Garth Williams's original artwork, bringing a fresh look to an enduring favorite.





Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business

by Esphyr Slobodkina

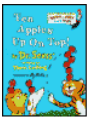
A cap peddler wakes from a nap to find all his caps are gone -- a bunch of naughty monkeys have taken them up a tree. Angrily shaking his finger at the monkeys, the peddler demands his caps back, but the monkeys only shake their fingers and say "Tsz, tsz, tsz." No matter what the peddler does, the monkeys only imitate him. Finally, the peddler is so enraged he throws his cap on the ground -- and all the monkeys follow suit! ***Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business***
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Quick as a Cricket

by Audrey Wood, Don Wood (illus.)

A joyful celebration of a child's growing self-awareness. This classic children's book is a teacher's favorite, with outstanding illustrations by Don Wood.



Ten Apples Up on Top!

by Theodore LeSieg (Dr. Seuss), Roy McKie (illus.)

A lion, a dog, and a tiger are having a contest -- can they get ten apples piled up on top of their heads? You better believe it! This first counting book works as a teaching tool as well as a funny story.

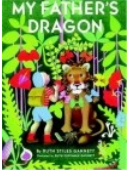


Franklin Rides a Bike

by Paulette Bourgeois, Brenda Clark (illus.)

At the beginning of spring, Franklin and all his friends have training wheels on their bikes. But soon Franklin is the only one who can't ride without them. Every time he tries he falls down, and he's beginning to get discouraged. His mom finally convinces him to keep with it, and Franklin finally rides on his own.

Recommended Chapter Book Series to read aloud to your child(ren) over the summer that they might enjoy



My Father's Dragon, Book 1 by Ruth Stiles Gannett 86 pages

A boy takes along chewing gum, two dozen lollipops, a package of rubber bands, six magnifying glasses and seven hair ribbons when he goes off to Wild Island to rescue a baby dragon.



Elmer and the Dragon, Book 2 by Ruth Stiles Gannett

A stand-alone sequel to My Father's Dragon, in which Elmer Elevator and the flying baby dragon help the king of the canaries find treasure.



The Dragons of Blueland, Book 3 by Ruth Stiles Gannett

In this third and final installment of the classic My Father's Dragon trilogy, Boris, the baby dragon, is excited to be heading home to Blueland and looks forward to reuniting with his family.

Other Series to Read Aloud

- Henry and Mudge
- Biscuit
- Frog and Toad