

Holy Redeemer Catholic School
Summer Reading 2016
Rising 4th Graders

Dear Future Fourth Graders!

We are excited to share with you some ideas for summer reading. We have organized your reading into four “experiences” rather than assigned books. For one “experience” described below, we have included a reading response to download and complete. You should always enjoy your reading and during the summer the research shows that it is even more important for students to read. Many students “drop off” during the summer because they are not reading in a formal classroom setting. So, read this booklet and see the different types of reading experiences you are going to have and the wide choices of books within these genres. You may choose to buy these books, but don’t forget to visit your local library first!

Your reading assignment is short and quick. Choose your favorite book and write a book talk to share with the class.

Any questions, you may email us at s.rampersaud@hrs-ken.org or m.harper@hrs-ken.org

God be with you,
Mrs. Harper & Mrs. Kennedy

"It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations- something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own."

[Katherine Paterson](#)

Recommended Websites for Kids and Parents

Encounter saints and Bible heroes in these Catholic books for kids!
<http://store.pauline.org/english/kids/categoryid/765/level/a.aspx#gsc.tab=0>

Explore *Who Was...?* “*What was...?*” and “*Where was...?*” titles!
<http://www.whowasbookseries.com/>

Join the *KidsPost Summer Book Club* Wednesdays in mid-late June!
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/>

Visit the **Readers’ Corner** for book reviews and author news.

Enjoy an award-winning picture book!
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal>

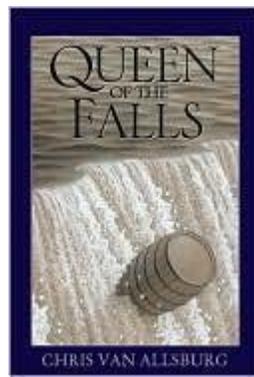
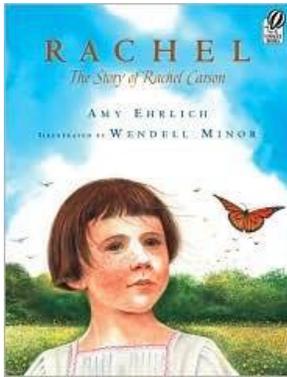
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Check out this summer’s top ten list for kids summer reading!
<http://www.hbook.com>

Research teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle.
<http://www.readingrockets.org>

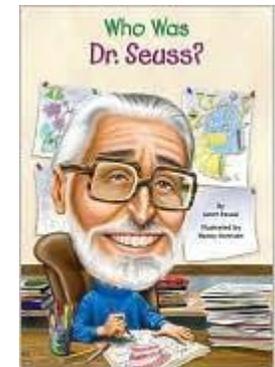
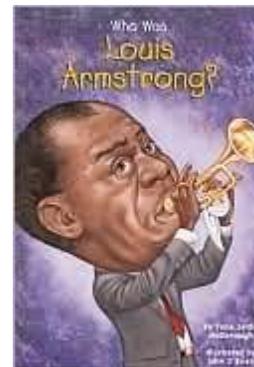
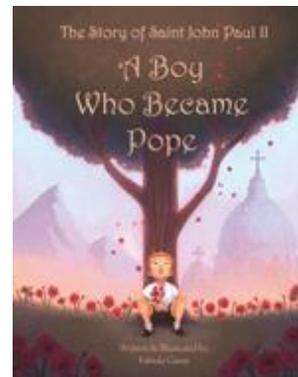
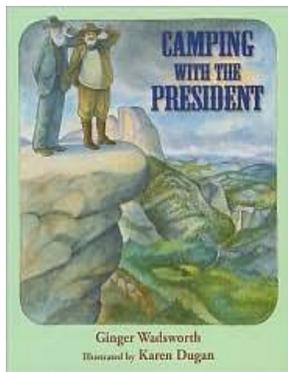
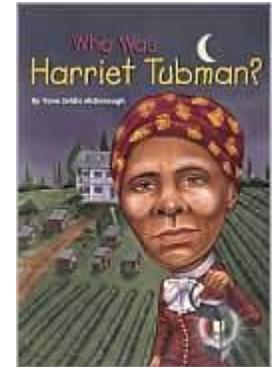
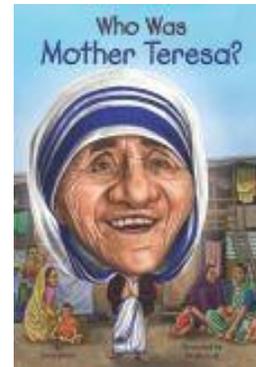
Reading Experience # 1 - Biographical Picture Book

We are recommending a biographical picture book for two reasons. First, it is fun to read aloud with a parent...so ask them! Second, I want students to know that information in a picture book can be found in both the detailed text and amazing illustrations. These books are a great way to learn about a new topic. Just wait...I use them all the time in class. Here are some examples of great picture books. You may choose another than those suggested here.



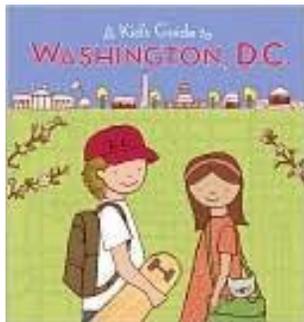
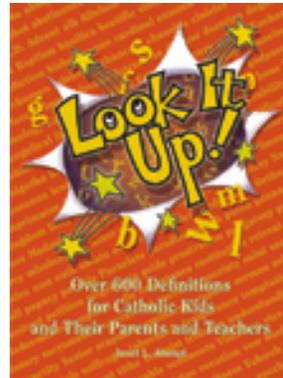
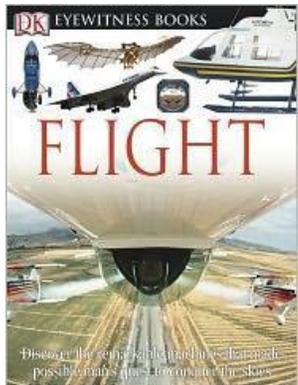
Reading Experience # 2 – Biography Chapter Book

In fourth grade, there is significant emphasis placed on “reading to learn.” In other words, students will read biographies and informational books – nonfiction text. Nonfiction books become a big part of our day. In readers’ workshop, we will be learning many different reading strategies to help us understand nonfiction text. Here are examples of biographies about Americans who have made important contributions to our country. These books are part of a series that “work” for rising 4th graders.



Reading Experience #3 – Informational Book

In fourth grade, you will have science and social studies almost every day! But to enjoy and absorb all this new information, you need to be comfortable reading informational books. While you will begin to learn how to read a textbook, there are many more exciting ways to gain new knowledge. So, take the time to read an informational book. This is another good read aloud activity with a parent as they can help you connect the new information to things you already know! Get Going! Here are some **possibilities.**



Reading Experience #4 – Realistic Fiction Series Books or by the Same Author

You probably have a favorite author. That is great. So, find two books in a series that you still want to read or two books by the same author that your classmates have enjoyed. Get going. Reading books in a series is a great way to improve fluency. Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately and quickly. Here are some **choices!**

