

**AQUINAS ACADEMY
2011 SUMMER READING LIST
GRADE 3**

Dear Parents,

Please help your child choose three books from the following selections for summer reading. Only choose one book from a series. After your child has read a book, he or she should record the following information on loose-leaf paper with his/her name on it:

For the first 2 books:

Write the name of the book.

Write the name of the author.

Describe his/her favorite scene in the book using 3-5 complete sentences.

Describe his/her favorite character. What was this person like? What did they look like? What special thing did they do? What did you learn from them?

For the 3rd book:

Make a diorama using a shoebox or small box showing your favorite scene of the book. Have fun! Be creative!

On an index card attached to your box, write the name of the book, the author, your name, and a few sentences telling about your scene.

Your child should bring the three book assignments with him or her on the first day of classes this fall. Happy Reading!

Mrs. Melaine Kachmar

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Stuart Little-E. B. White: This is a story about the adventures of a shy, philosophical little mouse in New York City.

Catwings-Ursula K. Leguin: Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, and finally meet two children with kind hands.

Fairy Tales-Jacob and William Grimm or Hans Christian Anderson: Both of these collections contain the most popular fairy tales that everyone loves to read and hear again and again.

Song of the Swallows-Leo Politi: Sad when the swallows leave for the winter, young Juan prepares to welcome them back to the old California Mission at Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day the next spring.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle-Beverly Cleary: A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Chocolate Fever-Robert K. Smith: Henry Green doesn't just like chocolate --- he's crazy about it. Read how Henry comes down with the world's first case of "chocolate fever."

The Littles Series (choose one)-John Peterson: This is about a colony of six-inch people who live inside the walls of the Bigg family's home and have dramatic escapades.

The Adventures of Pinocchio-Carlo Collodi: In Geppetto's hands a piece of wood that talks becomes a living, mischievous marionette and eventually, after many trials and errors, the wood becomes a real little boy.

Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems-Selected by Deregniers, Moore, White, and Carr: A collection of 115 poems by a variety of well-known authors with illustrations by nine Caldecott medalists.

Miss Rumphius-Barbara Cooney: Great-aunt Alice Rumphius was once a little girl who loved the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and wished to do something to make the world a more beautiful place. She accomplishes this by spreading lupine seeds wherever she goes.

American Tall Tales-Mary Pope Osborne: This is a collection of tall tales about such American folk heroes as Pecos Bill, John Henry, Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, and many more.

The Boxcar Children Series (choose one)-Gertrude Chandler Warner: This series tells about the adventures of the four Alden children.

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest-Lynne Cherry: The many animals that live in a great Kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

What's the Matter in Mr. Whiskers' Room? By Michael Ross

The Moon by Seymour Simon

Nature's Green Umbrella by Gail Gibbons