

**AQUINAS ACADEMY
2011 SUMMER READING LIST**

GRADE 4

Dear Parents,

Please help your child choose three books from the following selections for summer reading. After your child has read a book, he or she should record the following information on a sheet of loose-leaf paper:

Prepare a cover page with name of book, name of author, and illustration.

Write a 2-paragraph summary of the book.

Write a one paragraph personal response to the book (what did you like and/or dislike about the book).

*Please write using your best cursive or type your report.

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

Mrs. Susan Mutschler
Ms. Kerry Crawford

Little House on the Prairie – Laura Ingalls Wilder

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, and fight a prairie fire.

Old Yeller – Fred Gipson

A stray dog is befriended by a boy on the wild Texas frontier. Can the boy protect Old Yeller from danger as well as Old Yeller protects the boy and his family?

The Cricket in Times Square – George Seldon

Chester, a cricket, arrives in a New York City subway station in a picnic basket, and takes up residence at the Bellinis' newsstand. There he is lucky enough to make friends with a little boy named Mario, a fast talking Broadway mouse named Tucker, and his pal, Harry the Cat. Together, they manage to bring success to the newsstand.

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Ginger Pye – Eleanor Estes

The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children.

Rascal – Sterling North

Eleven-year-old Sterling has a raccoon named Rascal. They do everything together. If only Rascal weren't so clever! The day comes when Rascal is too smart for his own good, and Sterling must make a difficult choice.

Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth George Speare

Twelve-year-old Matt is trying his best to survive on his own until his father returns to their cabin in the Maine wilderness. When many months pass, and there is no sign of his family, Matt must decide if he should wait, or move on to a new life with his Indian friends.

What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin – Jean Fritz

This is a very entertaining biography of the famous Ben Franklin.

To Space and Back – Sally Ride with Susan Okie

Written by the astronaut Sally Ride, this book gives young audience answers to the frequently asked questions, what is it like in outer space? How do you eat in space? What do you do in outer space?

Biography of one of the Saints – Vision Book Series (Ignatius Press), books by Mary Fabyan Windeatt (Tan Books), or Pauline chapter books.

Bethlehem Books – Choose any age-appropriate selection from this publisher of wholesome, character building children's literature.

Shadow of a Bull – Maia Woiciechowska

Manolo Oliver is eleven years old and thinks he is a coward. He is terrified of bull fighting, especially since his father lost his life in the bull fighting arena. Now the townspeople expect Manolo to take his father's place as a bull fighter.

Indian Captive – Lois Lenski

Twelve-year-old Mary Jemison is taken captive, along with her family, by Indian warriors in 1758. Mary is separated from her parents, and her brother and sister, and taken to live with the Seneca tribe. Based on the true story.