



St. Albans School

2021 SUMMER READING – FORM C

We are excited that you are joining C Form this year as an incoming fourth grade student. The summer months offer a wonderful opportunity to do even more reading than you do during the school year.

One (1) book has already been selected for you; in addition to reading this one pre-selected book, you will choose at least **five (5)** more titles from the following categories for a **minimum of six books (6)**:

- 1 – Required: **There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom** (Sachar)
- 1 – American Library Association Award Winner or Honor Book
- 1 – Free choice fiction
- 1 – Non-fiction (other than graphic novel)
- 2 – Student choices from any of the lists

You may record and attach all of your vacation reading, including any titles not on the St. Albans list, on the separate Form C Reading Log. **We ask that your parent or guardian initial each entry.**

Happy reading, and have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Brockway, Ms. Goodyear & Ms. Vural

2021 Summer Reading Log

Submit this form to your homeroom teacher/advisor on the first day of school.

St. Albans School
Incoming Form C (4th Grade)
Student Name _____

Book #	Title and Author	Date Completed	Parent Initials
1. Required	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom (Sachar) <i>ISBN: 978-0394805726</i>		
2. ALA Winners List			
3. Free choice fiction list			
4. Non-fiction			
5. Your choice from the list			
6. Your choice from the list			

Note: You may attach additional pages to add other titles.

Quick Reference

(Categories with titles and authors)

Required

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom (Sachar)

ALA Winners

The One and Only Ivan (Applegate)

The Girl Who Drank the Moon (Barnhill)

Finding Langston (Cline-Ransome)

Elijah of Buxton (Curtis)

The Tale of Despereaux (DiCamillo)

The Whipping Boy (Fleischman)

When You Trap a Tiger (Keller)

The Season of Styx Malone (Magoon)

Brown (Overeas)

We're Not From Here (Rodkey)

Free Choice Fiction

Because of Winn Dixie (DiCamillo)

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
(Grabenstein)

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe

(Hernandez)

Elliot and the Goblin War (Nielsen)

Wing and Claw: Forest of Wonders (Park)

Pax (Pennypacker)

Towers Falling (Rhodes)

Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy
(Sutherland)

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground (Williams-Garcia)

Non-Fiction

All In a Drop (Alexander)

Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of WWI's Bravest Dog (Bausum)

Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth (Brown)

The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer (Fleischman)

Gifts from the Gods: Ancient Words & Wisdom from Greek & Roman Mythology (Hinds)

My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States (Hopkins)

Barbed Wire Baseball: How One Man Brought Hope to the Japanese Internment Camps of WWII (Moss)

Blizzard! (Murphy)

The Elephant Scientist (O'Connell)

This Side of Wild (Paulsen)

Book Descriptions

Required

Sachar, Louis. **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom**

An unmanageable, but loveable, eleven-year-old misfit who has a tendency to bully, learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit, too.

Come prepared to complete an in-class assignment during the first week of school. Remember to **bring your copy of this book with you.**

ALA Award Winners

Applegate, Catherine. **The One and Only Ivan**

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. *2013 Newbery Award*

Barnhill, Kelly. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. *2017 Newbery Award*

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Finding Langston**

Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied. *2019 Coretta Scott King Award*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Elijah of Buxton**

In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. *2008 Newbery Honor and 2008 Coretta Scott King Author Award*

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux**

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. *2004 Newbery Award*

Fleischman, Sid. **The Whipping Boy**

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. *1987 Newbery Award*

Keller, Tae. **When You Trap a Tiger**

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. *2021 Newbery Award*

Magoon, Kekla. **The Season of Styx Malone**

Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer with their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city. *2019 Coretta Scott King Award*

Overeas, Hakon. **Brown.**

A young boy, new in the neighborhood and dealing with his grandfather's death, creates a superhero, Brown, to deal with his emotions. Mildred L. Batchelder Award 2020.

Rodkey, Geoff. **We're Not From Here.**

Imagine being forced to move to a new planet where YOU are the alien! From the creator of the Tapper Twins, *New York Times* bestselling author Geoff Rodkey delivers a topical, sci-fi middle-grade novel that proves friendship and laughter can transcend even a galaxy of differences. Odyssey Honor Book 2020.

Free Choice Fiction

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn Dixie**

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library**

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape

Hernandez, Carlos. **Sal and Gabi Break the Universe.**

Vidón is attending a new school, with new bullies and new teachers who don't understand the needs of a student with Type 1 diabetes. He also causes rips in time and space by transporting objects from other universes. Sometimes he transports harmless prank items, but sometimes he goes home to find his long-dead mother cooking yucca in the kitchen. When Sal meets Gabi Reál, student body president and all-around firebrand, they begin a friendship that may break the universe—or save it. Pura Belpré Award 2020.

Nielsen, Jennifer. **Elliot and the Goblin War.**

For most kids, accidentally starting an interspecies war would be the biggest event of their lives. But for Elliot Penster, it was only the beginning. When the Brownies, who are on the hopelessly losing end of that war against the Goblins, make Elliot their King, there's one Brownie who isn't celebrating. And he's just made a deal with the Goblins to get rid of Elliot. ****2021 Visiting Author**

Park, Linda Sue. **Wing and Claw: Forest of Wonders**

When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more.

Pennypacker, Sarah. **Pax**

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. **Towers Falling**

While learning about September 11th, fifth grader Dèja (born after the attacks) realizes how much the events still color her world.

Sutherland, T. **Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy**

Determined to end a generations-long war among the seven dragon tribes, a secret movement called the Talons of Peace draws on a prophecy that calls for a great sacrifice, compelling five appointed dragonets to fulfill a painful destiny against their will.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground**

After his grandfather dies, Clayton is forbidden by his mother from playing the blues. Devastated, Clayton runs away to the subways to join a band.

Non-Fiction

(biography, graphic novel, history, poetry, science, short story)

Alexander, Lori. **All In a Drop.**

For fans of the “Who Was” series, this lively, accessible, and full-color chapter book biography shows how a self-taught scientist was the first to observe the microbial life in and around us. By building his own microscope, Antony van Leeuwenhoek advanced humanity’s understanding of our oft-invisible world around us. Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Book 2020.

Bausum, Ann. **Stubby the War Dog**

Imagine the summer of 1917 with World War I looming. You are standing on Yale's athletic field when a stray dog appears. A young man, about to enlist in the 102nd Infantry, adopts this mutt and they both live through nearly unbelievable experiences on some of the most heinous battlefields encountering German shells and mustard gas.

Brown, Don and Dr. Mike Perfit. **Older Than Dirt: A Kinda-Sorta Biography of Earth**

Explores the geological history of Earth from the Big Bang to the present. In this one-of-a-kind, wild, but true history of Earth, the Sibert Honor medalist Don Brown takes on big concepts with humor and ease.

Fleischman, Sid. **The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer**

A rollicking autobiographical journey follows Fleischman from budding magician to award-winning author.

Hinds, Gareth. **Gifts from the Gods: Ancient Words & Wisdom from Greek & Roman Mythology**

Told in graphic novel format, this book presents vivid myths along with the importance of our words derived from them.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett (editor) and illustrated by Stephen Alcorn. **My America: A Poetry Atlas of the**

United States Hopkins has selected 50 poems, many by our most beloved poets, to create a diverse portrait of the United States.

Moss, Marissa, and Yuko Shimizu, illus. **Barbed Wire Baseball**

An abbreviated biography of Kenichi Zenimura centers on his love of baseball from childhood, primarily focusing on the mandatory Japanese-American internment at the Gila River War Relocation Center in Arizona during World War II.

Murphy, Jim. **Blizzard!**

Presents a history based on personal accounts and newspaper articles of the massive snowstorm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the event in New York City.

O'Connell, Caitlin and Donna M. Jackson. **The Elephant Scientist.**

Photographs and text recount Caitlin O'Connell's experiences observing African elephants in their natural habitat, describing the discoveries she made about elephant communication. *2012 Sibert Award Winner*

Paulsen, Gary. **This Side of Wild.**

The Newbery Honor-winning author of *Hatchet* and *Dogsong* shares surprising true stories about his relationship with animals, highlighting their compassion, intellect, intuition, and sense of adventure.