

Dear 4th grade Parents and Students,

As the development and maintenance of good reading skills are important to students' success in the future, the St. Antoninus Language Arts Department has a summer reading requirement for incoming 5th graders. We want the students to continue to develop their reading skills in the following areas: comprehension, characterization, plot development, theme, generalizing, cause and effect, and author's purpose.

The students are asked to read at least one novel this summer. The novel should be appropriate for interest level and/or grade level. The students must be prepared to utilize this novel in various activities and projects to be done the first week of school.

The following is a list of novels that **should not** be chosen as they will be used for classroom instruction in the 5th and 6th Grade:

Wonder	Fish in a Tree	Sign of the Beaver
Bridge to Terabithia	Pictures of Hollis Woods	Go Big or Go Home
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Hatchet	Truth of Me
Number the Stars	Where the Red Fern Grows	Esperanza Rising
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Westing Game	Hate that Cat
Walk Two Moons	Holes	Love that Dog
Tuck Everlasting	Running Out of Time	Because of Mr. Terrupt

The Language Arts Department appreciates your help and support in our endeavor to maintain a high level of learning in our students. Thanks in advance for encouraging your child to accomplish the reading requirement in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

The Language Arts Department