

**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School**  
**Suggested Summer Reading for Rising Third Graders**

Read a minimum of 3 books for the summer. You could also read any non-fiction book on a topic you are interested in. One book must be the required reading novel

**Required Reading: Because of Winn Dixie by Kate Dicamillo .....AR level: 3.9**

Choose 2 books from the list given below:

- Space Taxi Series* by Wendy Mass.....AR level 4.0
- Nora and the Texas Terror* by Budy Cox.....AR level 3.2
- Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli .....(AR level 2.9)
- Rosie's Nutcracker Dreams* by Patricia Reilly Giff.....AR level 3.2
- Superfudge* by Judy Blume .....AR Level: 3.4
- All about Sam* books by Lois Lowry
- Mr. Chikee's Funny Money* by Lois Lowry....AR Level: 3.9
- Taste of Blackberries* by Doris B. Smith.....AR Level: 4.0
- The Night Fairy* by Laura Amy Schlitz....AR Level: 4.2
- Poppy* by Avi .....AR level 4.5
- Frindle* by Andrew Clements....AR Level 5.4 (other titles by Andrew Clements)
- Ramona Quimby Age 8* by Beverly Cleary.....AR 5.6
- The Kingdom of Wrenly* series by Jordan Quinn
- Any Roald Dahl book (challenge read)
- Lemonade War* series by Jacqueline Davies (challenge read)
- Any of the *Great Illustrated Classics*
- Wayside School* novels by Louis Sachar (challenge read)

**Think and Do:** If you were the illustrator for a book you read, how would you portray the characters of the story? Create an interesting cover illustration for any one of the books from this list that you read over summer. See that the title and author can be identified from your cover illustration. Make it as colorful and interesting as you possibly can. You are free to paint or color with watercolors, crayons or color pencil. You may also use collage art to complete your work. Do this on a 8x11 poster board. Your work will be displayed when you return to school in August.