



**FAITH CHRISTIAN**  
— A C A D E M Y —

**GRADE 1**

**2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

**Listed below are books appropriate for students entering first grade.**

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**Any books from the listing from The Gospel Coalitions Reading List for Children:**

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/>

**FUN FAVORITES:**

*Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold  
*And I Mean It, Stanley*, by Crosby Bonsall  
*Franklin* (series) by Paulette Bourgeois  
*Clifford* (series) by Norman Bridwell  
*The Very Busy Spider*, by Eric Carle  
*How I Became a Pirate*, by Melinda Long  
*Dinosaur Time*, by Peggy Parish  
*Rainbow Fish* (series) by Marcus Pfister  
*A Bad Case of the Stripes*, by David Shannon  
*Nate the Great* (series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
*Morris the Moose* (series) by Bernard Weisman

**LEARNING TO READ SERIES:**

Hello Reader!  
I Can Read Books  
Puffin Easy-to-Read  
Step Into Reading Levels 1-4  
*Little Bear*, by Else Holmelund Minarik

**ALPHABET BOOKS:**

*Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends*, by Carol Buckley  
*Stellaluna*, by Janell Cannon  
*The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf  
*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, by Bill Martin  
*Love You Forever*, by Robert Munsch  
*Officer Buckle and Gloria*, by Peggy Rathman

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**MATH IN PICTURE BOOKS:**

*Greedy Triangle*, by Marilyn Burns

*Ten Dots*, by Donald Crews

*When Sheep Cannot Sleep*, by Satoshi Kitamura

*One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints*, by Diana Pomeroy

*How Much Is a Million*, by David M. Schwartz

*Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Book in Reverse*, by William Wise

**CLASSICS TO READ TO A FIRST GRADER:**

*The Little House*, by Virginia Lee Burton

*Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert Closkey

*When Will I Read*, by Miriam Cohen

*Harold and the Purple Crayon*, by Crockett Johnson

*Leo the Late Bloomer*, by Robert Kraus

**CALDECOTT AWARDS & HONOR BOOKS:**

*A Story, A Story*, by Gail E. Haley

*Owen*, by Kevin Henkes

*Alphabet City*, by Stephen Johnson

*Ahanti to Zulu: African Traditions*, by Margaret Musgrove

*The Hello, Goodbye Window*, by Norton Juster & Chris Raschka

*The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg

**NONFICTION:**

*Art Dog*, by Thatcher Hurd

*Whales and Dolphins*, by Connie Roop

*Snowflake Bentley*, by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

*Hurricane*, by David Wiesner

National Geographic Series

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## Summer Reading Log – Grade 1

I read the books listed below with my son/daughter during the summer.  
Twenty books required.

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## GRADE 2 2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**Listed below are books appropriate for students entering second grade.**

Summer reading will help your child continue to develop his/her literacy skills in preparation for first grade. Twenty minutes/day is a great goal. The following are suggestions only. \*

Please keep a record of the books you read using the attached form. We ask that 15 books be read over the summer. **Return the form with your child during the first week of school. Prizes will be given to those who meet/exceed the fifteen book requirement!! For every 15 books read, the child will be able to pick out a gift card from the FCA Library. Stop by the school library to pick up a prize when completed.**

### **FAVORITE TITLES:**

*Miss Daisy is Crazy* by Dan Gutman  
*How to Talk to Your Dog*, by Jean Craighead George  
*American, Patriot Primer*, by Lynne Cheney  
*A-Z Mysteries*, by Ron Roy

### **FAVORITE SERIES:**

Magic Tree House, Mary Pope Osbourne  
Rainbow Magic, Daisy Meadow  
Cam Jansen, David Adler  
Poppleton Series, Cynthia Rylant  
Judy Moody Series, Megan McDaniels  
Fancy Nancy: Nancy Clancy, Jane O'Connor  
My Weird School, Dan Gutman  
Mercy Watson, Kate DiCamillo  
Flat Stanley, Jeff Brown  
Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parish

### **NONFICTION SERIES:**

Magic School Bus, Joanna Cole  
Magic Tree House Fact Checker Series  
Let's Read and Find Out  
Who Was  
I Am, Brad Meltzer

Any books from The Gospel Coalition for the appropriate grade from

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/>

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## Grade 2 Summer Reading Log

I read the books listed below with my son/daughter during the summer or my child has read the books. Fifteen books required.

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Parent Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GRADE 3

### 2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Listed below are books appropriate for students entering third grade.

Summer reading will help your child continue to develop his/her literacy skills in preparation for third grade. Twenty minutes/day is a great goal. The following are suggestions only. \*

Please keep a record of the books you read using the attached form. We ask that 10 books be read over the summer. Return the form with your child during the first week of school. Prizes will be given for those who meet and/or exceed the ten book requirement!! For every 10 books read, your child will be able to pick out a gift card from the FCA Library.

#### FAVORITE TITLES:

*Jake Drake Bully* by Andrew Clements  
*Peter Pan* by James Barry  
*Third Grade Angels*, by Jerry Spinelli  
*Charlotte's Web*, by E.B. White or any by this author  
*Because of Winn Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*Paddington* by Michael Bond  
*The Cabin Faced West* Jean Fritz  
*Whale of a Story*, Buddy Davis

#### FAVORITE SERIES:

Jeff Corwin (Junior Explorer Series)  
Beverly Cleary books  
Boxcar Children Mysteries  
Humphrey's Tiny Tales Series  
Johanna Hurwitz books  
Matt Christopher books  
Geronimo Stilton  
Encyclopedia Brown  
American Girl  
Leonore Look (Alvin Ho Series)  
Sarah Weeks (Oggie Cooder Series)

#### NONFICTION, HISTORICAL FICTION & POETRY SERIES:

Who Was/Who Is Biography series  
National Geographic Kids Chapters (Tiger in Trouble, Dog Finds Lost Dolphin, Ape Escapes)  
Totally True Adventures: Titanic Sinks  
Totally True Adventures: Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse  
I Survived series, Lauren Tarshis  
Shel Silverstein  
Jack Prelutsky

Any books from The Gospel Coalition Recommended Books:

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## Grade 3 Summer Reading Log

My child has read the books listed below during the summer. Ten books required.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GRADES 4 - 5

### 2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We love reading, and we want to challenge you to take reading to a whole new level this summer. A variety of genres chosen by students will promote a diversity of interests within our community of learners. Let's begin with some fun challenges to make reading come alive! We hope that you enjoy this summer reading challenge. The goal is to read 3-5 books this summer. Below are a list of suggested books. We encourage grade level reading or higher.

Happy Reading!

#### Directions:

There are 15 challenge choices listed on the next page. Please complete a combination of 10 challenges this summer. You may repeat a challenge up to three times. You do not have to do every challenge. As you complete each challenge, keep track of your progress by having an adult initial a picture and then you color it in.

Please also write a brief reflection paragraph (at least 3-5 sentences) for any 2 books completed. Reflections can include the following: when/where the challenge took place, if you read to anyone, what you read, any thoughts on what you read, overall experience with challenge, etc. Reflections can be written on the same sheet of paper. Please attach the finished product to your Reading Challenge paper.

Return to your summer reading challenge to your 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on the first day of school to receive a reward for completing this Summer Reading Challenge. **For every 2 books read come in to the FCA Library on Wednesdays 9AM – 1PM to choose a gift card from the library.**

#### ANY BOOKS LISTED FOR GRADE 4 UNDER THE GOSPEL COALITION

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/>

#### Fiction Selection

- Students may read ANY books from the "I Survived" Series by Lauren Tarshis
- The Virginia Mysteries Series – by Stephen K. Smith – 8 Books in the Collection – great set of books to prepare the students for Virginia history – historical fiction – grade 4
- *Johnny Tremain*, Esther Forbes
- *Old Yeller*, Fred Gipson
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, Beverly Cleary
- *The Green Ember Series*, S.D. Smith

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## Nonfiction Selection

- Any biography from the “Childhood of Famous Americans” series. Example: *Walt Disney: Young Movie Maker*, by Marie Hammontree
- Any biography from the “Who Was” or “Who Is” series. Example: *Who Was Ben Franklin*, by Denise Fradin
- Ten Boys Who Changed the World – 5 Volume Set - Lightkeepers
- Ten Girls Who Changed the World – 5 Volume Set
- Any books on Virginia

## FCA Summer Break Reading Challenge – Grade 4

This is a fun challenge to complete your summer reading. The goal is to read 3-5 books this summer. For every two books that you read, bring your book summary to the library this summer to receive a gift card. Then bring this completed summer reading challenge to your teacher the first day of school so that you can earn a prize. There are 20 challenges on this page (or you might even create your own challenge and add it to the list). Choose 15 challenges to complete and color in a star and have your parent initial that it was completed and put a check by the challenge you completed. You may repeat the same challenge up to 3 times!



Get a library card from your local library.

Read for 15 minutes at pool/beach.

Read in your bed for 20 minutes.

Sit by a tree and read a book.

Visit a bookstore and read for 15 minutes.

Read for 15 minutes at a coffee shop.

Read to a brother/sister or a stuffed animal.

Participate in the Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Challenge – this counts as 10 stars!

Read while having a snack.

Listen to an audible book or *Adventures in Odyssey* series.

Read to a grandparent.

Write and perform a skit on video for your family.

Find some interesting facts about the state of VA in your travels this summer.



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## Grade 4/5 Book Reflection

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Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe whether you liked or disliked the book and why. *(3-5 sentences)*.

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Describe whether you liked or disliked the book and why. *(3-5 sentences)*.

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## **GRADE 6**

### **2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

First, we pray that each of you have an incredibly fun and safe summer. You all deserve a break from the hard work you did in fifth grade. Second, we want to encourage you to be reading this summer by providing you with a fun summer reading challenge! Some suggested books are listed below, but you can choose your own books.

#### **Summer Reading Options:**

- 1. Complete the Summer Reading Challenge through Barnes and Noble – bring your log for bonus points on your first quarter grade**
- 2. Keep your own Summer Reading Log and read 3 books and record the minutes on the log. After completing your first book and recording your minutes – bring for a prize in the library.**
- 3. Complete the Summer Reading Challenge by filling in the flip flops – complete 7 challenges and bring your completed paper to the library to earn a gift card; complete all 14 and bring to school for bonus points on your first quarter English grade.**

#### **Some Classic/New Favorites**

Old Yeller by Fred Gibson  
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
Little Men by Louisa May Alcott  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain  
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Anne of Green Gables (series) by L. M. Montgomery  
The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle  
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson  
Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt  
The Wizard of Oz by Frank L Baum  
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell  
Joni by Joni Eareckson Tada  
The Fellowship of the Ring (series) by J.R.R. Tolkien  
Heart of A Champion: True Stories of Character and Faith, Steve Riach  
Walk Across America, Peter Jenkins  
Soul Surfer, Bethany Hamilton  
The Light and the Glory, Peter Marshall

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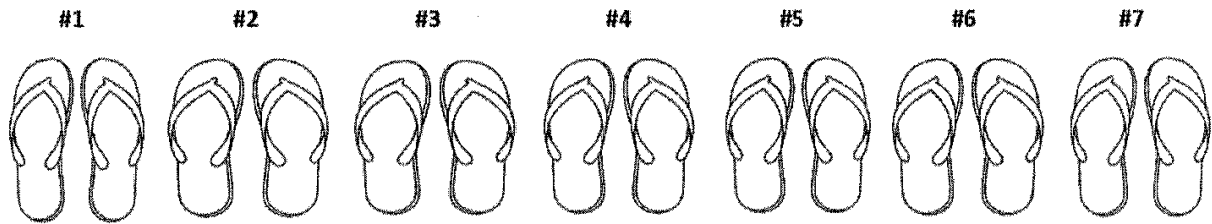
## SUMMER BREAK READING CHALLENGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due: The first day of school

Directions: There are 15 challenges listed on this page. Please complete 7 different challenges this summer. Choose a challenge and complete it. You may not repeat any challenges! You do not have to do every challenge. As you complete each challenge, keep track of your progress by having an adult initial a pair of flipflops and then you color them in. Please also write a reflection paragraph (at least 4 complete sentences) for each challenge. Reflections can include the following: when/where the challenge took place, if you read to anyone, what you read, any thoughts on what you read, overall experience with challenge, etc.

Reflections can be written on the same paper and attach them to this paper!



### Possible challenges to complete:

- Get a library card for the local library.
- Sign up for the summer reading program at the local library.
- Read outside for 20 minutes.
- Read in your bed for 20 minutes.
- Read at the pool or the beach for 20 minutes.
- Read to a stuffed animal for 20 minutes.
- Read to a sibling or friend for 20 minutes.
- Read while having a snack for 20 minutes.
- Read to an adult for 20 minutes.
- Read a summer-themed picture book.
- Practice reading a poem, and then perform the reading of your poem for your family.
- Read a book that has been made into a show or movie.
- Take turns reading aloud with someone for 20 minutes.
- Research and learn something new about an author you have enjoyed.
- Read a book that you might think is challenging (chapter books, higher grade level, etc.)

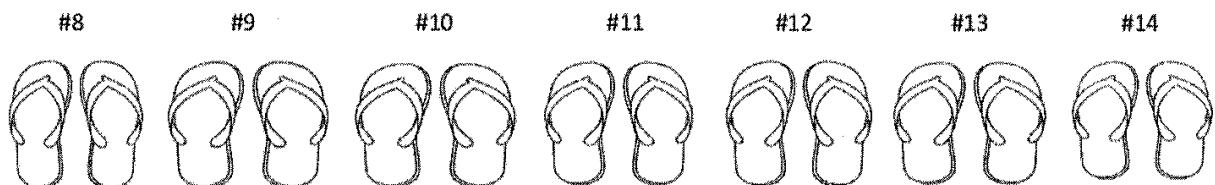
### Recap:

- ✓ Complete 7 reading challenges
- ✓ Write 7 reflection paragraphs (4 sentences each; 28 sentences total)
- ✓ All 7 flip flops are signed by an adult and colored in
- ✓ Turn this sheet and reflections in on the first day of school!



### Extra challenges:

These challenges are **not** required. You may complete 7 more different challenges for a bonus reward (ram bucks). If you decide to take on this extra challenge, please follow the original directions for the required 7 challenges!





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## GRADE 7-8 2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage all students to read over the summer, to enrich learning, and provoke thought while fostering a love for reading. Variety of genres chosen by students will promote a diversity of interests within our community of learners.

There are 3 parts to this summer reading project. We want you to read what interests you and expand your reading. Hopefully you will enjoy this project and possibly even try reading something new.

1. **Choice Board**—select at least 20 different options. Be creative and think outside of the box. A few options require you to bring something back to school. **Make sure your parent initials each cloud you complete.** When you complete 10 clouds, bring to the library this summer to pick out a gift card 😊
2. **Reading Log**—record anything that you read in the reading log. For every 200 minutes that you read, stop by to pick out a gift card this summer. Bring your completed reading log to school the first week to earn extra credit points on your first quarter reading grade.
3. Take at least one photo of you completing one of the “clouds”. Make sure you are in the photo, print it, or send it via email to [lexib@fcavirginia.com](mailto:lexib@fcavirginia.com)



# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Summer Reading Challenge 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

### Some Classic/New Favorites

Any books from the list from The Gospel Coalition – grades 7 and 8 listing:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/>

*Heart of a Champion: True Stories of Character and Faith*, Steve Riach  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe

*A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal*, Joan Blos  
*The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party*, Marian Calabro  
*Noah Webster: Master of Words*, David Collins  
*Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*, Russell Freedman  
*The Ocean of Truth: The Story of Isaac Newton*, Joyce McPherson  
*Calico Captive*, Elizabeth George Speare  
*Know What You Believe*, Paul Little  
*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens  
*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
*The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
*Perelandra* by C.S. Lewis  
*Kidnapped* by Robert Lewis Stevenson  
*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift  
*The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom  
*The Sword in the Stone* by T.H. White  
*Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley  
*Cheaper by the Dozen* by Gilbreth and Carey  
*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain  
*Ben Hur* by Lew Wallace  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*The Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson and the Olympians #1) by Rick Riordan  
*2001, A Space Odyssey* by Arthur C. Clarke  
*I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai  
*The One and Only Future King* by T.H. White

Neatly color in the 20 clouds as you read this summer. Return this sheet, the reading log sheet, your required photo, and any extra materials or photos on the first day of school. You can color in more than one cloud per reading session. Have your parent initial each cloud after you finish it. The minimum time is 20 minutes for each choice unless otherwise stated.

If it has a star\*\* next to it, bring that activity to the first day of school.

