



Blessed Sacrament School Summer Reading List for Rising 4th Graders 2017

We encourage all middle school students to read throughout the summer to enhance reading enjoyment while increasing reading proficiency.

The 4th grade will read and complete an assignment for:

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm

The assignment will be due on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Teachers will follow up with additional meaningful discussions and assignments in class once school resumes, and this may include a quiz on the material.

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm

This novel is Battle of the Books selection for 2017-2018.

In Jennifer L. Holm's New York Times bestselling, Newbery Honor winning middle grade historical fiction novel, life isn't like the movies. But then again, 11-year-old Turtle is no Shirley Temple. She's smart and tough and has seen enough of the world not to expect a Hollywood ending. After all, it's 1935 and jobs and money and sometimes even dreams are scarce. So when Turtle's mama gets a job housekeeping for a lady who doesn't like kids, Turtle says goodbye without a tear and heads off to Key West, Florida to live with relatives she's never met. Florida's like nothing Turtle's ever seen before though. It's hot and strange, full of rag tag boy cousins, family secrets, scams, and even buried pirate treasure! Before she knows what's happened, Turtle finds herself coming out of the shell she's spent her life building, and as she does, her world opens up in the most unexpected ways.

Everyone must do both assignments.

Assignment 1

You are to research 4 of the following and display it on a tri-fold board. Your board should have the name of the book and author. The work should be displayed in a neat and creative manner. The information should be typed on a device.

1. In the book there is reference to Shirley Temple. List five interesting facts about Shirley Temple and included a picture.
2. Research 3 interesting candies of the 1930's. Please include pictures.
3. Research the Bellewood House Kit by Sears. Tell about the house and sketch the floor plan.
4. Research 5 facts about the alligator pear and include a picture.
5. Write 5 sentences about the Kewpie Doll and include a picture.
6. Making a drawing of Aunt Minnie's house as Turtle describes it in Chapter 3.
7. Write a brief history (5-10) sentences on the history of the Mary Jane shoes and included a picture.
8. Write 5 interesting facts about Key West.

Assignment 2

Create a beach terrarium.

