OUR LADY *of* MERCY

All rising 3rd through 8th grade students are required to complete summer reading prior to the 2025-2026 school year start. Rising 4th-8th graders are required to read **two books**. Students will be assessed on their knowledge of the plot, characters, setting, and conflicts of the novels within the first few days of school. Assessments may be given in the form of written or oral book reports, group projects, or tests. Students are encouraged to take notes while reading. Rising 3rd graders are required to read **one book** from the list below and take an AR test upon return.

Rising PK – 2nd graders are encouraged to participate in the EBR Parish Library's Summer Reading Program. Information about the program can be found on their website at https://www.ebrpl.com/summerreading.

RISING 3rd GRADE
Students should choose one of the following books and take an AR test upon returning to school: • Any book from the *Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo • Any book from the *Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald • Any book from the *A to Z* Mysteries series by Ron Roy • Any book from the *Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osborne • Any book from the *Ivy and Bean* series by Annie Barrows

RISING 4th GRADE	
Required Book	**Choice Book – Choose One**
***The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate**	Students may select a book of their choice using the following criteria: • *Books must be an **AR level of 3.5 or higher***. • Please visit AR book finder at https://www.arbookfind.com/ to check the level and ensure your choice book meets the requirement. **-OR-** *Ranger in Time Escape from the Twin Towers* by Kate Messner *Sled Dog School* by Terry Lynn Johnson *Jake the Fake Keeps it Real (Book 1)* by Craig Robinson & Adam Mansbach

RISING 5th GRADE	
Required Book	**Choice Book – Choose One**
***The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown**	Students may select a book of their choice using the following criteria: • *Books must be an **AR level of 4.0 or higher***. • Please visit AR book finder at https://www.arbookfind.com/ to check the level and ensure your choice book meets the requirement. **-OR-** *Lemons* by Melissa Savage *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate *The Sweetest Sound* by Sherri Winston *One Mixed Up Night* by Catherine Newman *Things Seen from Above* by Shelley Pearsall

RISING 6th GRADE	
Required Book	**Choice Book Requirements**
***Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz**	*Students may select a book of their choice using the following criteria:* • Books must be an **AR level of 4.5 or higher.** • Students will take an assessment on choice books at the beginning of the school year. • Please visit AR book finder at https://www.arbookfind.com/ to check the level and ensure your choice book meets the requirement.

RISING 7th GRADE	
Required Book	**Choice Book Requirements**
***Restart* by Gordon Korman**	*Students may select a book of their choice using the following criteria:* • Books must be an **AR level of 5.0 level or higher**. The book must be a minimum of 6 points. • Students will take an assessment on choice books at the beginning of the school year. • Please visit AR book finder at https://www.arbookfind.com/ to check the level and ensure your choice book meets the requirement.

RISING 8th GRADE	
Required Book	**Choice Book Requirements**
***Framed!* by James Ponti**	*Students may select an **Autobiography or Biography** for their choice book using the following criteria:* • Books must be an **AR level of 5.0 level or higher**. The book must be a minimum of 6 points. • Students will take an assessment on choice books at the beginning of the school year. • Please visit AR book finder at https://www.arbookfind.com/ to check the level and ensure your choice book meets the requirement.