

Opelousas Catholic  
Summer Reading List  
Grades 4-5  
2017

Summer Testing Dates and Times:

The OCS Computer Lab (Room #15 in Main building) will be open for AR testing on summer reading books on Summer Testing Dates and Times:

Friday (6/30) and Friday(7/28) from 9 AM - 1 PM

Students are required to take **two** AR tests on these days; they are also allowed to test on summer books during the first week of school, if they are unable to come test during the summer!!!

1. **Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear** by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall, 56 pgs.  
Canadian Harry Colebourn saved a black bear cub while on his way to Europe to fight in the First World War. Winnie, as Colebourn called the bear, became the mascot of his unit in England. When he shipped off to France, Colebourn left Winnie with the London Zoo, where she was visited by A.A. Milne and his son, Christopher Robin. Christopher Robin and Winnie formed a bond, providing the basis for Milne to write the beloved children's stories *Winnie the Pooh*. Read as a bedtime story to Colebourn's great great- grandson, this delightful true story combines history with one of the most cherished children's characters of all time.  
AR Quiz No. 176655, IL:LG – BL:3.4 – AR Pts:0.5. [nonfiction, animals, Winnie-the-Pooh, WWI, 2016 Caldecott winner]
2. **Queen of the Diamond: The Lizzie Murphy Story** by Emily Arnold McCully, 32 pgs.  
Lizzie Murphy, the protagonist of this historical picture book, was the first woman to play in a major league baseball exhibition game. As a child, Murphy knew she was just as good as the boys, and set out to prove that she could make a living as a professional baseball player.  
AR Quiz No. 17197, IL: LG - BL: 3.4 - AR Pts: 0.5. [Nonfiction, biography picture book, sports, baseball, female protagonist]
3. **Luna & Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest** by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw, 40 pgs.  
Inspired by the true story of a girl named Julia who lived in a tree for 738 days, this beautifully illustrated picture book tells the story of survival, perseverance, and determination that saved a redwood tree named Luna.  
AR Quiz No. 181508, IL: LG - BL: 3.5 - AR Pts: 0.5. [Nonfiction, picture book biography, environmental activist, nature and conservation]
4. **Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate. 256 pgs.  
A gentle story about how a young boy copes with his family's financial issues and homelessness. Through the trust of a true friend and Crenshaw, the imaginary cat, Jackson learns coping strategies, the power of friendship, and how to make hard choices.  
AR Quiz No. 176562, IL:MG – BL:3.8 – AR Pts:3.0. [Male protagonist, deals with realistic problems, homelessness, imaginary friend]
5. **Marvelous Cornelius- Hurricane Katrina And the Spirit of New Orleans** by Phil Bildner, illustrated by John Parra, 40 pgs  
Cornelius was known for his rhythm and moves as he collected the garbage- every scrap of it- from the streets of New Orleans. After the flood waters came and went, Cornelius had an overwhelming task ahead of him when he returned to home. Undaunted, Cornelius began and inspired everyone around him to help the cause. Based on a real person, Cornelius Washington, this story of hope shows the effort it took to begin the restoration and rebuilding of New Orleans.  
AR Quiz No. 175365, IL:LG – BL:4.0 – AR Pts:0.5. [Louisiana interest, African-American Interest, folktale-like retelling about a real male protagonist, picture book, New Orleans, Hurricane Katrina]
6. **Ellie's Story** by W. Bruce Cameron, 208 pgs.  
Ellie is a German Shepard who is training to become a search-and-rescue dog. The story is written in Ellie's point of view, showing her journey from a puppy to a dog, not only helpful in search-and-rescue missions, but as a source of comfort for her owners as well.  
AR Quiz No. 176008 IL:MG – BL:4.2 – AR Pts:6.0. [Realistic fiction, service dogs, animal protagonist]

7. **Trombone Shorty** by Troy Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier, 40 pgs.  
Troy Andrews grew up in the Tremé area of New Orleans, where music always filled the air. He always knew he wanted to make his own music. His family didn't have the money to buy instruments, so Troy made his own out of anything he could find. After he found an old, dented trombone, he played all the time, including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, where he met Bo Diddley. From there, he went on to become a famous musician and started the Trombone Shorty Foundation.  
AR Quiz No. 172596, IL:LG – BL:4.2 – AR Pts:0.5.[Louisiana interest, biography picture book, African-American Interest, 2016 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner]
  
8. **Fort** by Cynthia DeFelice, 208 pgs.  
When two older boys mess with Wyatt and Augie's fort in the woods, the two boys launch "Operation Doom," against the bullies. The boys are also motivated by how the bullies treat a neighborhood boy with disabilities, and vow to get justice for all who the bullies treat wrongly. Wyatt and Augie's plans lead them in all sorts of directions, and not all of them are what the boys had planned.  
AR Quiz No. 174391, IL:LG – BL:4.4 – AR Pts:5.0. [Realistic fiction, boy interest, boy protagonist, humor, bullying, summer vacation]
  
9. **The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams** by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Kathryn Brown 32 pgs.  
When Jane Addams was a little girl, she realized that not everyone in the world had the privileges she did. As an adult, Addams created Hull House, a settlement house in Chicago. Beautifully illustrated, the story of how Addams created a space for immigrants to learn and grow in their new home inspired the idea of modern community center.  
AR Quiz No. 175006, IL:LG – BL:4.5 – AR Pts:0.5. [Nonfiction, picture book biography, social activist who helped house and provide education to the homeless and poor in Chicago in the late 1800's]
  
10. **The Terrible Two (Book 1)** by Mac Barnett and Jory John, 224 pgs.  
Miles is the best prankster in school, so naturally when he moves to Yawnee Valley, he intends to be its best prankster too. Problem is, Yawnee Valley- known for its large cow populations- already has a number one prankster. In this hilarious adventure riddled with funny cow facts, the two pranksters need to decide whether to team up or declare war. The boys' shenanigans and the cartoon illustrations keep readers laughing throughout the story.  
AR Quiz No. 170994, IL: MG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 4.0. [pranks, humor, new school, realistic fiction]
  
11. **Flunked** by Jen Calonita, 256 pgs.  
Twelve-year-old Gilly is sent to Fairy Tale Reform School after pickpocketing. The fairytale "bad guys" have realized the error of their ways and opened the reform school to help prevent children in the fairytale world from becoming evil. While Gilly navigates through Fairy Tale Reform School, she learns the value of being good and that she may have more in common with the royals than she thinks. Any student who enjoys the Descendants and Isle of the Lost will love this book.  
AR Quiz No. 174151, IL:MG – BL:4.8 – AR Pts:7.0. [Female protagonist, fantasy, twisted fairy tales, reluctant readers, sell to fans of Disney's Descendants]
  
12. **Ratscalibur** by Josh Lieb, 192 pgs.  
After being turned into a rat, soon-to-be seventh grader Joey must deliver a message to the rat kingdom, sent by Joey's former pet rat Gondorff. On his adventure, Joey pulls out Ratscalibur, a spork stuck in a scone. Joey must then head out on a quest to save the rat kingdom Ravalon and to return to his human form. This hilarious riff on Arthurian legend will delight even reluctant readers.  
AR Quiz No. 177199, IL:MG – BL:4.8 – AR Pts:5.0. [fantasy, animals, Arthurian legend retelling, humor]
  
13. **The Doublecross: And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy** by Jackson Pearce, 304 pgs.  
Hale Jordan, son of the spy agency Sub Rosa Society's two most decorated agents, wants to follow in their footsteps. Being chubby means not many people believe in Hale, but after his parents go missing, Hale must use his spy skills to figure out what happened and save them. The first in what will surely become a favorite series for those who love an underdog.  
AR Quiz No. 178156, IL: MG – BL: 5.6 – AR Pts: 10.0. [Male protagonist is an average guy trying to make it in the spy world, humorous, adventure]
  
14. **Finding Serendipity** by Angelica Banks, 288 pgs.  
Tuesday must set off on an adventure of her own making to find her missing mother, famous author Serendipity Smith. With the help of her dog Baxter and her mother's most famous character Vivienne, Tuesday encounters magic at every

turn on the way to finding her mother. AR Quiz No. 171966, IL: MG - BL: 5.8 - AR Pts: 8.0. [Female protagonist, fantasy, adventure, mystery, pirates, traveling inside a storybook]