



SANT BANI SCHOOL

Summer Reading Recommendations

Preschool

Llamaphones series by Jamil Coat (concept book)

Some of These Are Snails series written and illustrated by Carter Higgins (concept book)

Let's Be Bees written and illustrated by Shawn Harris

They All Saw A Cat written and illustrated by Brendan Wenzel

Your Place series written and illustrated by Jon Klassen

Every Monday Mabel written and illustrated by Jashar Awan

Pop Goes the Nursery Rhyme by Betsy Bird illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi

K-2

(picture books, early readers, and graphic novels)

Bird and Bear series written and illustrated by Jarvis

Dirt and Buggy by Megan Litwin illustrated by Shauna Lynn Panczyszyn

Owly series written and illustrated by Andy Runton (graphic novel)

Towed by Toad written and illustrated by Jashar Awan

Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends written and illustrated by Kaz Winess

Dino Door by Josh Funk illustrated by Renée Kurilla

Fireworks by Matthew Burgess and illustrated by Catia Chien

Spendin' Time by Gary R. Gray Jr, illustrated Rahele Jomepour Bell

Nat the Cat series written and illustrated by Jarrett Lerner

Little Sister series (spinoff from the Babysitter's Club)

Broken written and illustrated by X. Fang

Don't Trust Fish written by Neil Sharpson illustrated by Dan Santat

3-5

(early chapter books, chapter books, graphic novels)

Stella and Marigold by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall (same duo who did Ivy and Bean)

Dory Fantasmagory series by Abby Hanlon

Bisby Cross series by Liz Garton Scanlon

The Conjurers series by Dhonielle Clayton

The Kids in Mrs Z's series class by various authors

Zita the Spacegirl series by Ben Hatke (graphic novel)

Hilo series by Judd Winick (graphic novel)

Max and the Midnighters series by Lincoln Pierce (graphic novel)

Animal Rescue Friends series by Jana Tropper illustrated by Chelsea Trousdale (graphic novel)

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Science Comic series by various authors (nonfiction graphic novel)

Ten Thousand Tries by Amy Mackechnie

6-8

Skander and the Unicorn Thief series by A.F. Steadman

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontorvat

The Trouble with Heroes by Kate Messner

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.K Allston

The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman by Gennifer Choldenko

The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest by Aubrey Hartman

The Glass Sentence by SE Grove (first book in the Mapmaker trilogy)

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

Nonfiction

(variety of ages and categories)

The Mona Lisa Vanishes by Nicholas Day

All Thirteen by Christina Soontrovant

Honeybee by Candance Fleming and Eric Rohmann

I Survived series (both in prose and graphic novel)

Accountable by Dashka Slater (for an older reader)

Authors to Explore

Jason Chin: He visited Sant Bani in 2025. His nonfiction books appeal to all ages. They are incredibly detailed and well researched.

Kate Messner: Kate is a prolific author that has books for all ages, picture books, early chapter books, and middle grade. Her History Smasher series explores historical topics that many of us might have misinformation about. Her recent early chapter book series *The Kids in Mrs. Z Class* brought on 26 writers each writing from the perspective of a different child in a Third Grade class.

Erin Entrada Kelly: Erin writes chapter books and Middle Grade. She also has a few Young Adult titles. Her books have won the Newberry Medal and honor several times.

Colleen AF Venable: She was our author for Writers' Festival this year. If your children enjoyed a *Katie the Catsitter* book or a *Junie B. Jones* book of hers, after our festival day, two new books in those series released!