



# Good Shepherd School

*Providing a Classical and Christian Education*

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Parents of Pre-4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

At Good Shepherd, we love good books! In this age of incessant virtual stimulation and immediate gratification, the harder earned and longer lasting joys that come through good literature are indeed rare treasures. Continued enjoyment of and success in our upper school curriculum depends upon the cultivation of a strong habit of reading. To this end, we have an AR Summer Reading Program for all returning students entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

We have posted the GSS AR Summer Reading List on the school's website, [gsstyler.org](http://gsstyler.org). To view or download the document, simply go to the website, and select the "School Parent Resources" tab at the top of the home page, and then select "Reading Forms".

Students returning to Good Shepherd's 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are required to read at least 4 books from their respective approved reading list and take the reading quizzes on them in any of the following ways:

1. At school on the office computer when checking out the next book
2. At school on the office computer during the first two weeks of the new school year, OR
3. By completing a book report form using neat penmanship, correct spelling and grammar, and well-constructed sentences.

Good Shepherd has one copy of most books on the AR list, but many of these books are also readily available at the public library or at bookstores. The school is open during the summer on Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm. If you check out a book from the AR library at the school, you must sign it out using the list in the office.

The results of these reading quizzes will count as the first Reading or English test grade of the new school year. Students falling below the 4-book minimum requirement will have that test grade lowered by 25 points per book.

Summer reading is for encountering new books, not re-reading old ones – books previously read by a student, or by the class as part of the previous year's curriculum, will not count towards the required number. As a rule, students should read a good portion of the AR book library for their specific age group. Students may choose to read books above their grade level, though not below. Books not on the approved AR list do not count toward the required 4, but please do keep a list of all the other books your child reads this summer! Recognition for exceptional performance in summer reading will be given soon after school begins.

We look forward to seeing each student's reading list at the end of summer. Nothing that he does with his time these next three months will go further towards helping your child thrive at school. Here's to forming life-long learners!

Sincerely,

Fr. Ziegenhagen  
Headmaster