

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. – Joseph Addison

Dear Parents and Students:

Countless studies in education have proven the benefits of summer reading. Stephen Krashen in his study The Power of Reading discovered the following results:

- People who read, write better.
- Outstanding high school writers reported extensive summer reading.
- If children read one million words a year, at least one thousand words will be added to their vocabulary.
- Spelling improved when kids read.
- In summary, readers demonstrated better reading comprehension, writing style, spelling, and grammatical development.

Likewise, the implementation of continuous practice with basic math skills over the summer leads to positive, confident math and science students in the fall who are setting themselves up for success and less stress throughout the school year.

Therefore, in an effort to form the best and most successful students – students who continue to excel above the national standards, students who are fully prepared for their rigorous academic years ahead in high school, and students who are overall confident and secure in their knowledge and basic skills – All Saints has adopted a new Summer Requirements Program in Reading and Math.

Reading:

Through the collaboration of various teachers from all grade levels and our library media specialists, every effort has been made to provide a summer reading list with books that appeal to various types of readers. Students will find the selections enjoyable and appealing. Selections and requirements have been made according to grade levels. Please find and read the selections and requirements that correspond to your child's upcoming grade level. **All reading assignments are due the first week of school for a quiz grade toward reading.**

Math:

The math requirements are intended to focus on basic skills that need to be kept sharp throughout the time off. The result of mastering basic math skills is a student who is less stressed, confident, and successful in several classes including math, science, and computers. **All math assignments are due the first week of school for a grade toward the homework portion of the math grade.**

Again, please read carefully the requirements and assessments for each grade level pertaining to your children, as they vary.

For students entering First Grade

Reading Requirements

Purchase the Home Workbooks #1 for Phonics and Reading. Purchase at A.C. Moore. Complete at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of either book or provide equivalent evidence of reading and phonics practice.

Purchase at Barnes and Noble the Bob Books Level A-C (Set 1-3) or the Clifford Phonics Fun Reading Program (Box set). Read at least 3 books or equivalent evidence of reading practice.

Math Requirements

Purchase the Home Workbook #1 for Addition and Subtraction. Complete at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the book or equivalent evidence of math practice.

For students entering Second Grade

Reading requirements

Read one book from the attached Summer Reading List, and do one of the following activities from the list below. It will go toward the reading effort grade in the fall. During the first week of school as students get to know each other, we will be presenting our activities.

Activities List

1. Create a jacket for the book, complete with illustrations and blurbs.
2. Create a poster-sized ad for the book.
3. Dramatize an incident or an important character alone or with others.
4. Paper Bag: Place items from the story in a paper bag. Use the items as props while telling about the story.
5. Create a song about a problem in the book or about a character.
6. Compose a telegram about the book, limited to twenty words.
7. Dramatically read a part of the book to the class to get them hooked.
8. Keep a diary of one of the characters in the story using first person.
9. Write a letter to the author telling why you liked the book, your favorite parts, and what you would have done differently.
10. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story.
11. Make a diorama of a scene from the story.
12. Compare the movie and book version of the same story.
13. Dress up as your favorite character and relive some of the story.
14. Write a biography of the main character using information in the book.
15. Make an acrostic with the title of the book. Use words that relate to the story.
16. Make a list of at least six questions you would use in an interview with a main character.
17. Collect pictures that relate to the story. Make a collage.

Math Requirements for students entering Second Grade

Incoming second graders are expected to keep a Math Log indicating what they did to practice math facts on a daily basis. Second graders must log 10 minutes a day of math practice until math log is complete. Please note the date, the math activity, and the amount of time spent on it. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase and use for their log time the Summer Book 2. Some other examples of math activities include computer games, flash cards, grocery shopping, and math bingo. The Math Log requires a parent signature to verify the work upon completion at the end of the summer.

For students entering the Third Grade:

Reading requirements:

1. Read a minimum of two books from the attached Summer Reading List.
2. Be prepared upon return to school to give an oral report/summary of ONE of the books.

Math Requirements

Incoming third graders are expected to keep a Math Log indicating what they did to practice math facts on a daily basis. Please note the date, the math activity, and the amount of time spent on it. Some examples of math activities include computer games, flash cards, grocery shopping, and math bingo. The Math Log requires a parent signature to verify the work upon completion at the end of the summer.

For students entering the Fourth Grade

Reading Requirements

1. Read a minimum of two books from the attached Summer Reading List.
2. Be prepared upon return to school to give an oral report/summary of ONE of the books. The report should include the title of the book and author, a description of the setting, a list of the main characters, and a description of the most interesting part of the book.

Math Requirements

Incoming fourth graders are expected to keep a Math Log indicating what they did to practice math facts on a daily basis. Fourth graders must log 15 minutes a day of math practice. Please note the date, the math activity, and the amount of time spent on it. Some examples of math activities include computer games, flash cards, grocery shopping, and math bingo. The Math Log requires a parent signature to verify the work upon completion at the end of the summer.

For students entering the Fifth Grade:

Reading Requirements

Students will be required to read a book from the attached Summer Reading List, complete a book jacket, and orally present their report to the class.

Book Jacket Requirements:

Minimum paper size required is 8 ½ x 11 (larger sizes are acceptable)

Front Cover

Book Title

Author

Illustrated Cover- character or scene from the book.

All illustrations must be in color and student generated. Computer print outs will not be accepted.

Back Cover:

One paragraph summary of the book.

Oral Report- Students will orally present their report to the class.

Math Requirements

Incoming fifth graders are expected to keep a Math Log indicating what they did to practice math facts on a daily basis. Fifth graders must log 15 minutes a day of math practice. Please note the date, the math activity, and the amount of time spent on it. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase and use for their log time the Summerbook 5 (see the form below). Some other examples of math activities include computer games, flash cards, grocery shopping, and math bingo. The Math Log requires a parent signature to verify the work upon completion at the end of the summer.

For students entering Sixth, Seventh, or Eighth grade:

Reading Requirements

1. Choose one (1) book to read from the appropriate grade level Summer Reading List provided.
2. Then, choose one (1) of the following assignments.
3. The assignment should be typed or written VERY neatly, using the proper heading.

Reading Assignment Choice 1: Story Set-up

The Story Set-up should include

1. Title of the Book
2. Author
3. Setting(s): In a few sentences, describe the “wheres” and the “whens” of the story. Comment on how the setting contributes to the plot.
4. Characters and their Traits: List the main character and a few of the minor character. Describe each with several descriptive phrases that highlight their physical and character traits.
5. A Plot Sequence: Bullet-style statements in full sentences that highlight the important events of the story. Keep in mind that you want to include the conflicts or problems of the character(s) and how they were resolved at the end.
6. Theme(s): A few sentences describing the central message of the story. (Example: The theme in *Pinocchio* is that love is what we are all about. Pinocchio became a real live boy when he stopped being selfish and disobedient.)
7. Personal Reflection: Write a short paragraph incorporating the following:
 - a. Did you like the novel? Why or why not?
 - b. What was your favorite scene? Why?
 - c. Did you like the ending?
 - d. Did you see yourself in any of the characters? In what ways? Did you see any situation that you’ve been in mirrored in the story?
 - e. Would you recommend this novel to next year’s class? Why or why not?

Reading Assignment Choice 2: A Letter to the Author

This letter must be at least three paragraphs. Each paragraph must be at least 75 words.

Paragraph one: Tell the author how you feel about the settings in the novel. Comment on the **descriptive passages, the time of the novel, and the place** where the events take place. Setting can create a certain mood. How did you react to the mood of the story?

Paragraph two: Tell the author about the main character, and how you enjoyed the traits he or she exhibited. Was the character humorous, and if so, recall when, and how it contributed to the enjoyment of the story. Was the character brave or troubled, and how did this contribute to the development of the story. Compliment the author on the formation of the character through the conflicts and/or problems that this character had to resolve.

Paragraph three: Tell the author about a particular scene from the story that impressed you greatly. It could be a dialogue between two people, or a scene when the main character is faced with difficulty, or a humorous scene that had you holding on to your sides. It might even be a suspenseful scene or a scene filled with danger. Describe it in detail and comment to the author why it was so well-written.

Close your letter with your personal reasons why you would recommend this book to others. Give your reasons in at least two or three sentences.

Reading Assignment Choice 3: A Newspaper

This assignment involves selecting a scene from the book that demonstrates a conflict between two people, or between a person and nature (like a storm), or between two groups of people. On scrap paper, list the elements of the scene: the characters, the setting, the struggle itself, and the people who were affected by this conflict.

Read a news story or two from a newspaper to get an idea about how to write up your selected scene as though it really happened and was written in a daily newspaper.

Give your story a title and write it making sure you give all the facts. You might want to open with a quote from a character. Make sure that you write in the **third person**, that is, that you write **about** the people, the events, and the setting. The article should be about 150 words. You will need a second story, perhaps shorter than the first. This one should be related to the first in some way. We call this a “spin off” story. Example: Back to Pinocchio. Let’s say that you chose to write about the scene when Pinocchio goes down to the sea to find and rescue his father from the belly of the whale. Your “spin off” story could be about this particular whale and how the fishermen have had problems with him as they set out to fish. Don’t forget to give this story a title as well. You may draw or obtain graphics for your stories.

Again, check a daily newspaper to observe how photos are used to balance a page as well as to draw the attention of the reader. You may type your one page newspaper on Publisher or on any program that will allow you to create columns. Name your newspaper and be sure to include a date.

This can be a fun project. If you enjoy the writing, the photos, or the layout part, you might want to think about joining the newspaper staff for the school newspaper next year!

Math Requirements

It is strongly suggested that students in 6th -8th grade purchase the Summerbook for their appropriate grade level either through the order form or www.summerbookcompany.com. However, a math workbook or your choice may be used. Also, 8th grade students should consider purchasing one of the High School Placement Test booklets at Barnes and Nobles or Borders in preparation for the HSPT given in December, quickly upon return. Remember the workbooks are not mandatory but students are expected to keep a Math Log indicating 15 minutes a day of math practice. Please note the date and the amount of time spent on it. The Math Log requires a parent signature to verify the work upon completion at the end of the summer.

Summer Reading 2nd Grade

The Boxcar Children Mystery Series By Gertrude Chandler Warner

This challenging chapter book series involves four adventurous orphans that take up residence in a boxcar and begin to solve mysteries -- this is the premise of the beloved Boxcar Children series, begun in 1942 and still going strong.

Henry and Mudge Series By Cynthia Rylant

Henry and his dog Mudge are best friends forever. These lively ready-to-read books open up a world of adventure.

Magic Tree House Series By: Mary Pope Osbourne

Jack and Annie get whisked back in time. These chapter books offer plenty of suspense and magic.

Nate the Great Series By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Nate the Great is on the case. The story's clues are clear and logical, encouraging beginning readers to pay attention.

Young Cam Jansen Series By: David A. Adler

Cam Jansen solves mysteries with her photographic memory. These easy-to-read chapter books will test your memory skills to track all of the clues.

SUMMER READING 3rd & 4th GRADES

7 x 9 = Trouble! By: Claudia Mills

Third-grader Wilson struggles with his times-tables in order to beat the class deadline.

Baseball Card Adventure Series By: Dan Gutman

Book One: *Honus & Me*

Book Two: *Jackie & Me*

Book Three: *Babe & Me*

Book Four: *Shoeless Joe & Me*

Book Five: *Mickey & Me*

Book Six: *Satch & Me*

Book Seven: *Abner & Me*

Joe travels back in time and meets famous baseball players mixing fact and fiction in an exciting adventure.

Cam Jansen Mystery Series By: David Adler

(Too many titles to list)

Cam can find a mystery anywhere and has a photographic memory. This helps her solve cases and remember the exact details of exciting events with her friends.

Children of the Red King Series By: Jenny Nimmo

Book One: *Midnight for Charlie Bone*

Charlie Bone is accepted to Bloor's academy for gifted children. Charlie realizes that some of his classmates have mysterious powers. What mysteries will Charlie uncover?

Book Two: *Charlie Bone and the Time Twister*

While at Bloor's academy, Charlie Bone gets a surprise when Henry Yewbeam arrives from the year 1916 and needs Charlie's help to stay alive.

Book Three: *Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy*

Charlie and his friends find Ollie Sparks, an invisible boy living in the academy's attic, and promise to make him visible again with the help of his older brother, Mr. Boldova.

Book Four: *Charlie Bone and the Hidden King*

When an ancient enchanter is released from the grounds of Bloor's Academy threatening both of Charlie Bone's parents, the only way Charlie and his friends can defeat him is by finding the red king himself.

Book Five: *Charlie Bone and the Beast*

When Asa Pike, a Bloor's Academy student goes missing...Charlie Bone suspects a new classmate of foul play.

Clementine Series By: Sara Pennypacker

Book One: *Clementine*

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hair styles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Book Two: *The Talented Clementine*

Eight-year-old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.

The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant) By: Avi

Avon the snail and Edward a take-charge ant set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

Gym Short Series By: Betty Hicks

Book One: *Basketball Bats*

Henry learns a lesson in teamwork when his inexperienced basketball team, the Bats, takes on the Tigers, a team that not only plays at the big YWCA but has a player old enough to shave.

Book Two: *Goof-Off Goalie*

Goose is best at goofing off, but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists other friends to help Goose improve his skills.

Lady Lollipop By: Dick King-Smith

A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

Marvin Redpost Series By: Louis Sachar

(Too many titles to list)

Marvin encounters hilarious problems with school, family, and friends. This Master of Mayhem will leave you in stitches!

Phineas L MacGuire Series By: Frances O’Roark

Book One: *Phineas L. MacGuire—Erupts! : The First Experiment*

Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy’s quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.

Book Two: *Phineas L. MacGuire--Gets Slimed!*

When his new best friend decides to run for class president, Phineas agrees to be his campaign manager in exchange for help with his latest experiment—cultivating exhibits for a mold museum.

Book Three: *Phineas L. MacGuire—Blasts Off!*

If he's going to be the best scientist in the fourth grade, Mac has to set his sights pretty high...to outer space, actually. But Space Camp is expensive. Where is he going to find enough money for a week on Mars (or a pretty close simulation thereof)?

Project Mulberry: A Novel By: Linda Sue Park

Julia, a Korean-American, and her friend Patrick learn about tolerance, friendship, and patience while working together on a project about silkworms.

Punished! By: David Lubar

Logan and his friend Benedict are playing tag in the library. Logan gets caught when he run into a mysterious man. When Logan doesn't apologize sincerely, the mysterious man punishes him by causing him speak in puns

The Secrets of Ms. Snickle's Class By: Laurie Miller Hornik

Every school has its secrets but in Ms. Snickle's classroom the secrets are extraordinary and when Lacey sets out to learn and tell them all she puts Ms. Snickle's job in jeopardy.

Sophie Hartley, On Strike By: Stephanie Greene

After their mother sets up a new list of household chores for them to do, Sophie and her siblings argue about housekeeping and finally go on strike.

Uncle Pirate By: Douglas Rees

Wilson is one of the most bullied fourth-graders at the chaotic Very Elementary School until his long-lost uncle, Desperate Evil Wicked Bob-- a pirate—and his talking penguin arrive and begin making everything ship-shape, one classroom at a time.

Summer Reading 5th and 6th Grade

Art Mystery Series By: Blue Balliet

Book One: *Chasing Vermeer*

Book Two: *The Wright 3*

Book Three: *The Calder Game*

Petra, Calder and Tommy become quite the sleuths in solving unusual mysteries with an artistic flare.

Becoming Naomi Leon By: Pam Munoz Ryan

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father. (Realistic Fiction)

The Book of Time By: Guillaume Prevost

Sam Faulkner travels back in time to medieval Ireland, ancient Egypt and Renaissance Bruges in search of his missing father. (Adventure)

Book One: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* By: Avi

Book Two: *Crispin: At the Edge of the World* By: Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, and orphan peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. These books explore even more thoughtfully the themes of religion, war, the motives of men, and the meaning of family. (Historical Fiction)

Escape! : The Story of the Great Houdini By: Sid Fleischman

A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926. (Biography)

Feathers By: Jacqueline Woodson

When a new, white student nicknamed "The Jesus Boy" joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light. (Historical Fiction)

Football Genius By: Tim Greene

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players. (Sports Fiction)

The Invention of Hugo Cabret By: Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and young girl. Hugo's undercover life and his big secret are jeopardized. (Historical Fiction)

Millicent Min, Girl Genius By: Lisa Yee

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer. (Realistic Fiction)

No talking By: Andrew Clements

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest. (Realistic Fiction)

Nory Ryan's Song By: Patricia Reilly Giff

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity helps her family and neighbors survive. (Historical Fiction)

Book One: *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* By: Jeanne Birdsall

Book Two: *The Penderwicks on Gardam Street* By: Jeanne Birdsall

The four Penderwick sisters and their widowed father have adventures that will have you laughing out loud. (Realistic Fiction)

Princess Academy By: Shannon Hale

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovered unexpected talents and connections to her homeland. (Fantasy)

Book One: *Sea of Trolls* By: Nancy Farmer

Book Two: *The Land of the Silver Apples* By: Nancy Farmer

At the center of this massive adventure is a small Saxon boy named Jack, who's never been much good at anything until the Bard of his medieval village makes him an apprentice. (Fantasy)

Shakespeare's Secret By: Elise Broach

Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected picture of the most popular boy in school. (Mystery)

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo on the Moon By: Catherine Thimmesh

Chronicles the Apollo 11 mission, the spaceflight that landed the first man on Earth's moon on July 20, 1969, emphasizing the contributions and reactions of the thousands of people who made the mission successful. (Nonfiction)

SUMMER READING 7TH & 8TH GRADE

Airman By: Eoin Colfer

In the 1890's on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Broekhart is falsely imprisoned and passes the months by scratching designs of flying machines into the prison walls. Conor literally soars to new heights of grand adventure as he has to fight his way back from incredible losses to battle the evil villains. (Adventure)

Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America By: Jim Murphy

Presents a history based on personal accounts and newspaper articles of the massive snow storm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the events in New York. (Nonfiction)

Book of Ember Series By: Jeanne Duprau

Book One: *The City of Ember*

For as long as anyone can remember, the great lights of Ember have kept the endless darkness at bay. But now the lights are beginning to flicker. The cliffhanger ending will leave readers clamoring for more. (Science Fiction)

Book Two: *The People of Sparks*

Lina and Doon are thrilled to see their people join them above ground in the vibrant village of Sparks, but suspicion and prejudice soon turn the villagers and newcomers against each other. (Science Fiction)

Book Three: *The Prophet of Yonwood*

This is a prequel to the first two books that investigates how a world that seems out of control finds hope and comfort in the strangest of places. (Science Fiction)

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two By: Joseph Bruchac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers. (Historical Fiction)

Elijah of Buxton By: Christopher Paul Curtis

In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first-free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. (Historical Fiction)

Fever, 1793 By: Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic. (Historical Fiction)

Found By: Margaret Peterson Haddix

Thirteen-year-old Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters. The first one says, "You are one of the missing." Jonah, Chip, and Jonah's sister, Katherine, are plunged into a mystery that involves the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, an airplane that appeared out of nowhere. (Science Fiction)

The Glitch in Sleep By: John Hulme and Michael Wexler

When twelve-year old Becker Drane is recruited by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs everything in the world, he must fix a disastrous glitch in the Department of Sleep that threatens the ability of everyone to fall asleep. (Adventure)

Goose Girl By: Shannon Hale

Princess Anidoria, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive. (Fantasy)

Inkheart Series By: Conelia Funke

Book One: *Inkheart*

Twelve year old Meggie learns that her father can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capicorn freed him from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier. (Fantasy)

Book Two: *Inkspell*

When Dustfinger finds a crooked storyteller who can read him back to Inkscape, he leaves his apprentice Farid behind; but seeks out Meggie and the two follow him back into the enchanted book. (Fantasy)

Jack: The Early Years of John F. Kennedy By: Ilene Cooper

Describes the childhood and youth of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States. This book covers JFK's life from birth through prep school graduation and includes photographs, family letters, grade reports and anecdotes. (Biography)

Listening for Lions By: Gloria Whelan

A Thirteen-year-old is left an orphan in British East Africa in 1919 after the influenza epidemic. Her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents mission hospital. (Historical Fiction)

Percy Jackson & the Olympians Series By: Rick Riordan

Book One: *The Lightning Thief*

Book Two: *Sea Monsters*

Book Three: *The Titans Curse*

Book Four: *The Battle of the Labyrinth*

Seventh-grader Percy Jackson has recently discovered that he is the son of Poseidon, making him half human and half Greek God. Percy must use his special abilities to survive and take his rightful place among half bloods. (Adventure)

Sport Mystery Series By: John Feinstein

Book One: *Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery*

After winning a basketball reporting contest, 8th graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. (Mystery)

Book Two: *Vanishing Act*

8th grade sports reporters reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player. (Mystery)

Book Three: *Cover-Up*

Stevie and Susan learn that every player on a professional football team, which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl—has failed their drug test and the team owner has covered up the results. (Mystery)

The Staircase By: Ann Rinaldi

In 1878, after her mother's death on the way west, thirteen-year-old Lizzy Enders is left by her father at a convent school in Sante Fe, where she must deal with being the only non-catholic student and where she plays a part in what some consider a miracle. (Historical Fiction)

Storm: The Infinity Code By: E.L. Young

In London, the teenaged geniuses of STORM, a secret organization dedicated to eliminating the world's misery through science and technology, uncover plans for a deadly weapon, then confront the corrupt scientist behind the scheme. (Adventure)