



Dear Future 3rd Graders and Parents,

I am so excited to have you in class for the 2023-2024 school year. We are going to have a great year. However, in the meantime, I hope that you enjoy your summer.

I have attached the Summer Reading packet that is due on the first day of school or at Open House. I am **not** assigning a specific book for you to read this summer. Instead, **I would like you to choose and read books that you enjoy.** Also, I have included a bookmark that explains the Five Finger Test. I would suggest you use this method when selecting books.

On page one of the packet, you will find a place to set summer reading goals. Parents, please help your child set a realistic goal. On the following pages, you will log the books that you read, rate the books, complete a genre graph, and log the number of minutes read daily. Additionally, there are pages for interesting words you find and book art.

Please do not stress about this assignment. I want this to be something that you have fun with. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me (abailey@sacredheartmorrilton.org or 501-208-7028). During the summer, I plan to make a class Facebook page for communication and updates.

Enjoy your summer,

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Five Finger Test for Older Students



Take the **5 Finger Test** to find out if a book is just right for you:

- ◆ Select a page in the middle of the book. It should be a full page of text.
- ◆ Read the page aloud or silently.
- ◆ *Put one finger up every time you:*
 - ◇ Can't pronounce a word
 - ◇ Don't know the meaning of a word
 - ◇ A sentence doesn't make sense



- ◆ *1 finger*—Easy!
- ◆ *2 fingers*—Just right!
- ◆ *3 fingers*—Just right!
- ◆ *4 fingers*—May be challenging but try it out!
- ◆ *5 fingers*—Very challenging. Might be a good one for the future.

Summer Reading



Name _____

Summer Reading Goals

I want to read _____ books this summer.

I will read _____ minutes a day.

To do this I need: (check off when done)

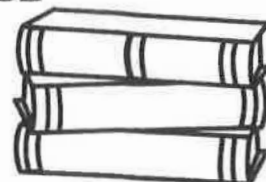
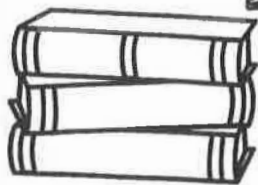
- ☐ Books
(do you need trips to the library, trips to the bookstore, or online shopping?)
- ☐ Cozy reading spot
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Other: what else do you need? _____

Books I want to read:

Other places I can find recommendations:

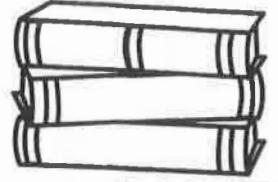
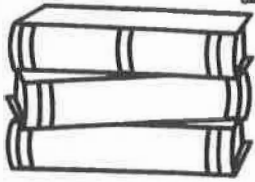
Friends, Family, Librarian, Book Blogs, Amazon, Goodreads,
Imagination Soup, and _____

Books I've Read This Summer



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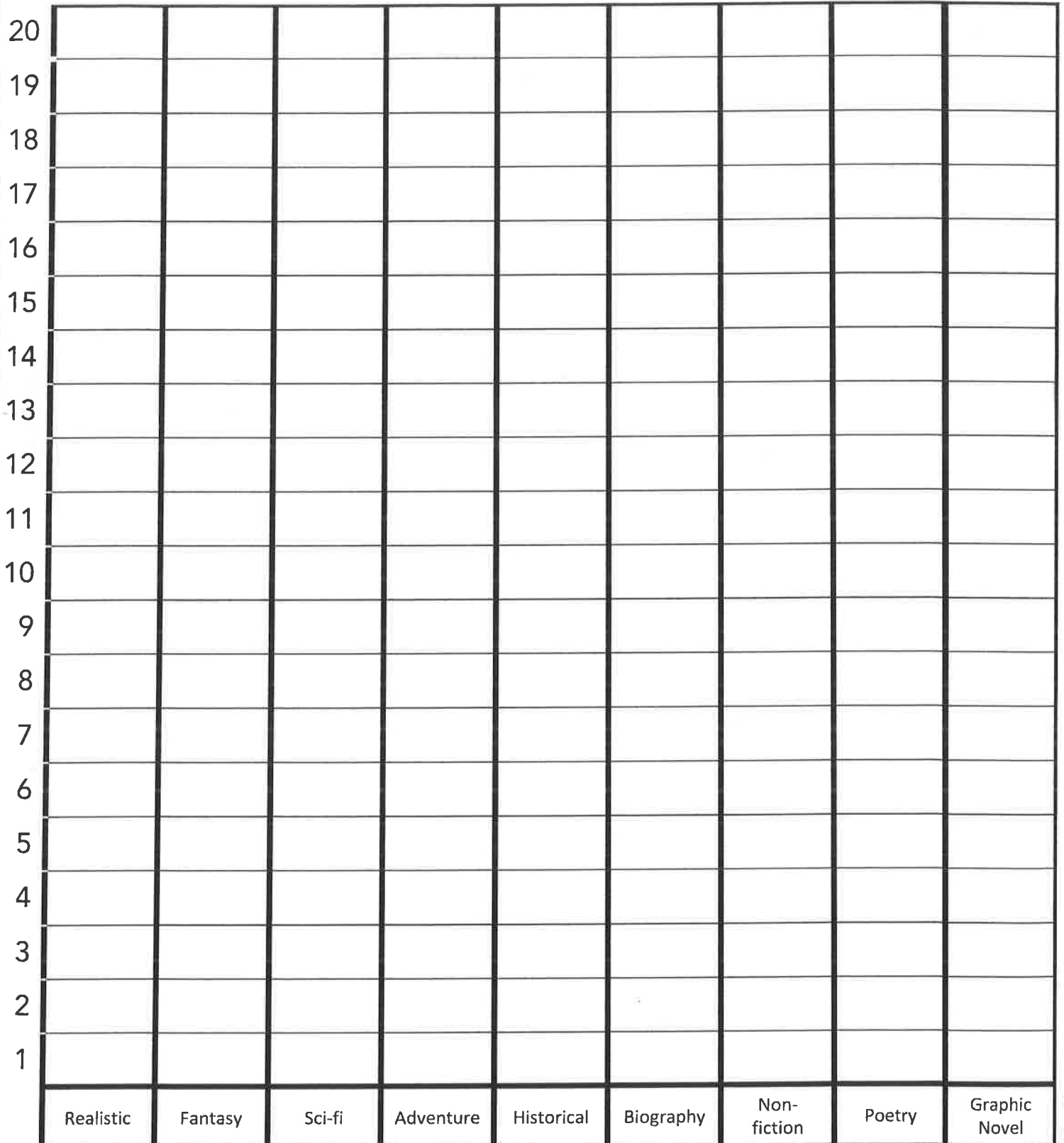
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My Genre Graph

Keep track of the genres you're reading on this bar graph?
What genre will be your summer favorite?



June

Write down how many minutes you read each day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Color one book for each book you read.

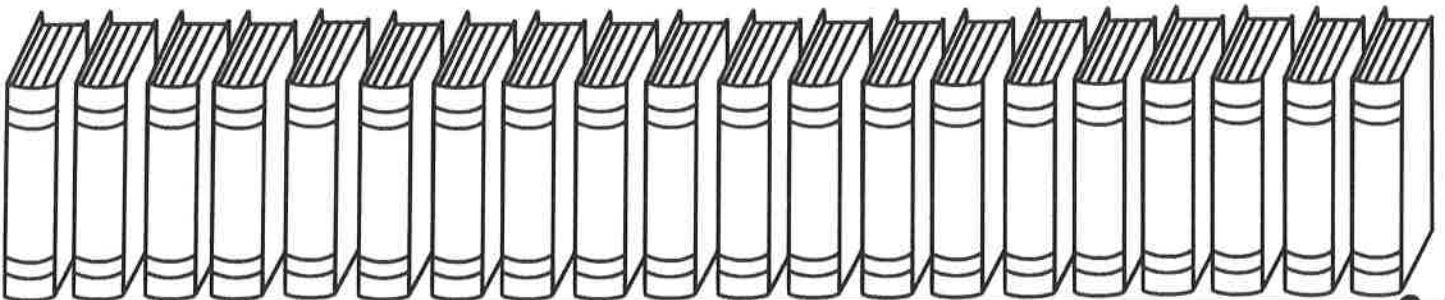


July

Write down how many minutes you read each day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Color one book for each book you read.

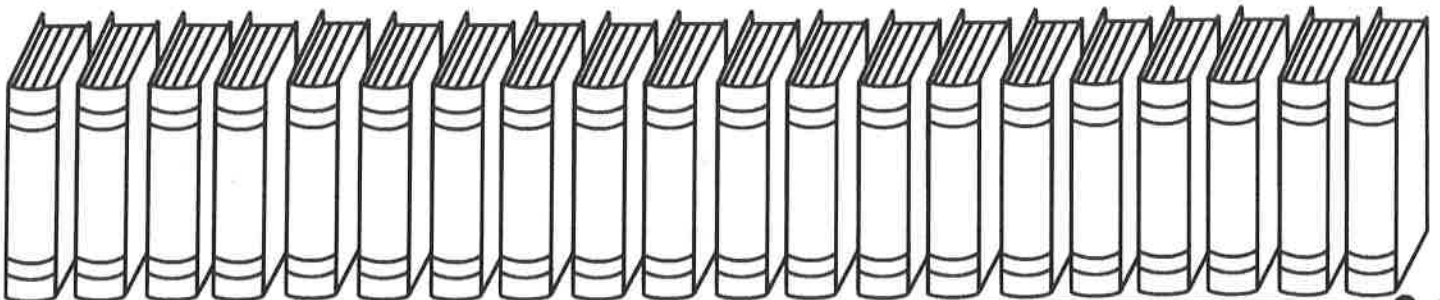


August

Write down how many minutes you read each day

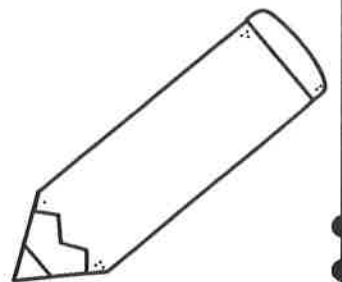
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

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My Word Collection

Keep track of interesting new words here. Write the words in colors using crazy and fun handwriting.



Book Art

Draw a favorite part, character, or setting from any book you have read.

Book Art

Doodle or draw something that inspired you from any book you read.

