

2020-2021 School Year Summer Reading Requirements

4th Grade: Students entering 4th grade are required to read Katherine Applegate's book, "The One and Only Ivan," prior to the beginning of the first day of school. Students are also expected to complete the book report page, and answer questions about the book. Both of these assignments will be counted as separate reading grades. The purpose of both assignments is to help students deeper understand what they are reading. During the first few weeks of school we will continue to study the book, complete a book project, and take vocabulary and reading counts tests.

Please stress to your child the importance of reading over the summer break. Students will be allowed to take reading counts tests on anything read over the summer. Please use the website: readingcountsbookexpert.tgds.hmhco.com to find books that students can test on, as well as the lexile and point value of each book. **Tip: When searching for books using this website, sometimes key words of book titles work best. You can also search by author.**

Current students at Sacred Heart have received the information for summer reading. Should any of the pages be lost, extra copies can be printed from the school's website or picked up in the office.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call the school office at 501-354-8113.

Have a wonderful and safe summer break!

4th Grade Summer Reading: "The One and Only Ivan" Study Questions

NAME _____

Directions: Answer the questions in complete sentences. Hint: Use part of the question when writing your response.

Pages 1-26

1. Where does Ivan live? Give details from the story in your response.

2. What is the difference between Ivan and Julia's drawings?

3. Is Ivan happy? How do you know? Give details from the story in your response.

Pages 27-50

4. Why does Ivan think Stella's trunk is a miracle?

5. How does Ivan feel about the glass on his cage? What is good and bad about the glass?

Pages 51-76

6. Why does Stella think memories are precious?

7. What is the purpose of a good zoo? What are humans trying to do at a good zoo?

8. How is Stella treating the baby elephant?

Pages 77-100

9. Ivan thinks Stella would have made a great mother. How does he know? What makes a good parent?

Pages 101-125

10. What is wrong with Stella?

11. What does Ivan promise Stella?

Pages 126-153

12. What was Ivan's life like before he lived with Mack?

13. How long has Ivan been in his domain at the Big Top Mall? Write the total number of days, months, and years.

Pages 154-175

14. Why does Ivan talk about finger paints? What do you think the finger paints represent?

15. Why does Ivan change the name for their home from domain to cage? What changed?

16. What happened to Ivan's gorilla family?

Pages 176-201

17. Why does Ivan think about being a sheriff? What is he trying to do that is like a sheriff?

18. How is Ivan's painting changing?

Pages 202-225

19. Why does Ivan get angry and beat his chest?

20. How does Julia get her dad to help with the billboard?

Pages 226-250

21. Based on the public's reaction, what do you think is shared in the story on the 5 o'clock news?

22. What is the difference between the boxes from the zoo and other boxes the animals have been inside before?

Pages 251-275

23. What are Ivan and Ruby's worries about going to the zoo?

24. How do you know Mack does care about Ivan?

25. Why is Ivan kept in a separate area from the other gorillas when he arrives at the zoo?

Pages 276-300

26. What does Ivan do to gain acceptance from the other gorillas? Be specific in your response.

27. How does Ivan feel at the end of the story?

Helpful information when writing book reports:

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

Plot: What happens in the story

Setting: Where and when the story takes place

Theme: The lesson or message of a book. To identify the theme, look for clues in what the characters say and do, what happens because of their actions, and how the characters change.