



GENEVA SCHOOL *of* BOERNE
2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” Kate DiCamillo

Our goal is to develop proficient readers who desire a vibrant reading life. Reading well requires time, experience, and diligence. It is important to provide leisure time for children to be inspired to read during the summer. Invest in this challenge and saturate your home with books that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8).

The purpose of summer reading is to continue exposing students, outside of school, to the classics – books that have stood the test of time. Students should read as many classic books as possible because they are 1) excellent in content and 2) the best tools for cultivating your child’s moral imagination. The Reading Lists and Reading Log are also posted on our school website. A sample of a completed reading log is below.

READING LIST:

Books have been chosen with the hope that students will cultivate a delight in reading and the written word. Please read books from the 4th or 5th Grade lists. Only books read from these lists will count. After reaching silver medal level (1000 pages), students may read *any* book of their choice, as long as the books are good, true, and beautiful like those on the Geneva list. Examples of books that will not count are *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Dog Man*, and *Captain Underpants*.

WHERE TO FIND BOOKS:

Geneva School Library, Boerne Public Library, The Bookshop Under the Windmill, The Boerne Bookshop, Storyglory Kids (www.storyglorykids.com/gsbsummer; Discount Code: GSB-TAKE20), and borrow or share with friends.

HOW TO EARN A MEDAL: Reading logs must total: Gold – 1500 pages, Silver – 1000 pages, Bronze – 750 pages. Summer Reading medals will be awarded at the Summer Reading Awards Assembly.

READING LOGS:

Each entry must include the title, author, number of pages read, and a 2-3 sentence summary written in complete sentences in the *student’s best cursive handwriting*. Electronic or audio books do not count. A parent must initial each book recorded on the log. See example below. **Reading logs must be turned in on the first day of school.** This will be the first reading homework grade of 2026/2027.

TITLE	AUTHOR	# PAGES	PARENT INITIALS
<i>Heidi</i>	<i>Johanna Spyri</i>	<i>284</i>	JRG
Name of Book Series (if any):			
Summary: <i>Heidi is a cheerful orphan girl who goes to live with her grumpy, but kind-hearted Grandfather in the Swiss Alps. She loves her life there but is soon sent to the city to be a companion to a sick girl, Clara. Heidi misses the mountains and eventually returns to the Alps, where she helps Clara learn to walk.</i>			

GSB Library Summer Hours: Tuesdays 9am-1pm: June 2, 23, July 7, 21
All GSB Library books must be returned by Aug. 10, 2026.