



SBCS Reading Challenge 2022-2023

Around Europe in 20 Chapter Books* Grades 4-8

Name:

Grade:

House:

Title and Author	Country	Sign and Date completed
The Cottage at Bantry Bay, by Hilda van Stockum	Ireland	
The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett	England	
Swallows and Amazons, by Arthur Ransome	England (Lake Country)	
Outlaws of Ravenhurst, by Sister M. Imelda Wallace, S.L.	Scotland	
The Children of Noisy Village, by Astrid Lindgren	Sweden	
Snow Treasure, by Marie McSwigan	Norway	
The Wheel on the School, by Meindert DeJong	Netherlands	
The Winged Watchman, by Hilda van Stockum	Netherlands	
Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry	Denmark	
The Trumpeter of Krakow, by Eric P. Kelly	Poland	
Grimm's Fairy Tales, by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, illustrated by Arthur Rackham	Germany	
The Family Under the Bridge, by Natalie Savage Carlson	France (Paris)	
Twenty and Ten, by Claire Huchet Bishop	France (Rural)	
The Good Master, by Kate Seredy	Hungary	
Heidi, by Johanna Spyri	Switzerland	
Banner in the Sky, by James Ramsey Ullman	Switzerland/Alps	
White Stallion of Lipizza, by Marguerite Henry	Austria	
The Small War of Sergeant Donkey, by Maureen Daly	Italy (Northern)	
Red Sails to Capri, by Ann Weil	Italy (Southern)	
The Golden Fleece, by Padraic Colum	Greece	

*List borrowed from Brittany Inzeo /Good Books for Catholic Kids

<https://goodbooksforcatholickids.com/2021/05/17/around-europe-in-20-chapter-books/>

Reading Challenge Guidelines

What is the SBCS Reading Challenge? The Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement strategy that requires students to track their reading of age-appropriate books from the challenge over the course of the school year. Challenge completers receive an award.

Who can participate? The Reading Challenge is open to everyone at Saint Benedict Catholic School.

What must students do?

1. **Read:** Students are challenged to read books from the current school year's reading challenge list. The format of the challenge changes from year to year.
2. **Record:** Students must record their reading progress on a reading log. Students must turn in this record to the school librarian by the final day of the challenge. Completed reading logs may be turned in at any time before the end of the challenge.

What if I lose the reading log?

The reading log can be downloaded and printed from the school library webpage or the library Google Classroom.

What do we read?

1. **PK - 3rd Grade** students will work on filling in this year's BINGO style challenge by reading books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level. With parental guidance, third grade students may choose to complete either the younger reader's challenge, or read from the list for older readers.
2. **3rd – 8th Grade** students will make choices from this year's reading list: "Around Europe in 20 Chapter Books" from GoodBooksforCatholicKids.com. Purchasing books from the [booklist link](#) will help support the mission of Good Books for Catholic Kids.

What if my child is not yet reading on his own, or reading above/below grade level?

1. **Literacy level:** Students should read to their level of language proficiency to achieve the Reading Challenge goal. This may mean reading books from a different year level group as deemed appropriate by the student's parents and teachers. Guidance may be required for students in their choice of titles from book lists for older students.
2. **Pre-readers** will participate in literacy building and reading with activities such as: observing pictures, listening attentively, turning pages, discussing a story, noticing details, predicting outcomes, and answering questions with guidance from a reading partner (parent, sibling, or other). Pre-readers can "show and tell" a favorite book to a reading partner for credit.
3. **Reading aloud together** books that are at or above the child's appropriate literacy level is permitted, as are e-books and audiobooks.
4. **Languages:** Students may choose to read books in other languages, especially those students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are learning English as a second language.

Awards:

1. Students cannot receive more than one award per year; i.e. reading 24 books in one year will not result in two awards. However, you are encouraged to go above and beyond the required reading for the Challenge.
2. Students completing the challenge will earn points for their House.

Who is in charge? Send an email to Mrs. Clark (mclark@saintbenedictschool.org) if you have questions.