

Hello Fourth Grade Parents,

I am excited to announce this summer's reading project! Your child will need to read one book this summer. Please choose from the following books:

- Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
- Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith
- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
- Esperanza Rising by: Pam Munoz Ryan

Students should NOT choose a novel that they have already read. After reading your novel, you will create a Virtue Poster. This summer assignments will count as your first reading grade in the first quarter!

Once the novel has been read, students will create a poster sharing what virtues the main character(s) may have exhibited throughout the book. Please see the attached list of virtues & meanings from which to choose. **Projects are due the first week of Fourth Grade!**

If you have any questions, please email me, Mrs. Myklebust. I will be checking my school email periodically throughout the summer.

I am looking forward to seeing some creative & colorful Virtues Posters! I want our students to be able to live a virtuous life based on our Catholic faith, and I cannot wait to see what your child has learned over the summer!

Happy reading!

Mrs. Myklebust

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Directions:

After reading your "Student Choice" novel, choose 4-5 virtues that you witnessed the main character(s) exhibiting. Write a 4-5 sentence paragraph how that character "lived the virtue" in the novel.

You may choose any color of a large/standard poster board. You may decorate the poster as creatively & colorful as you want.

On the back of the poster, write or type a 3-paragraph (4-5 sentences each paragraph) summary of the book. Be sure to include information from the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

Virtues

- **Kindness:** Friendly, helpful and well-meaning
- **Love:** A deep, tender feeling of affection toward a person
- **Patience:** The ability to endure delay, trouble, pain or hardship
- **Compassion:** Sympathetic awareness of others' distress, along with a desire to help alleviate it
- **Courage:** A quality of spirit that enables you to face danger or pain without fear
- **Forbearance:** Restraint under provocation; good-natured tolerance of delay or incompetence
- **Faith:** Complete confidence in a person, plan or set of beliefs
- **Hope:** The general feeling that a desire will be fulfilled
- **Charity:** Generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering; aid given to those in need
- **Forgiveness:** To cease to feel angry or bitter towards a person, or about an offense
- **Gentleness:** Moderate and mild behavior; NOT rough or severe behavior
- **Humility:** A disposition to be humble; a lack of false pride
- **Thankfulness:** Warm, friendly feeling of gratitude
- **Unity:** Freedom from division; oneness
- **Fortitude:** Strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage
- **Justice:** Fair, impartial, giving a deserved response
- **Prudence:** Wise or careful in conduct. Shrewd or thrifty in planning ahead
- **Temperance:** Moderation and self-restraint, as in behavior or expression