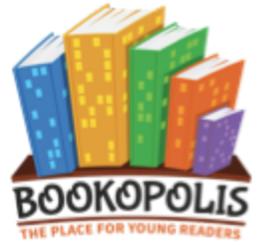




OLOL Summer Reading

Grades 2-8



Dear Families,

Building a love of reading continues to be one of our top priorities at Our Lady of Lourdes. Research shows that making independent reading *more social* and *helping students find books that they are excited to read* are two important ways to engage our students as readers. This summer at OLOL, we will again be using Bookopolis.com, an online community for young readers, that helps ignite a love of reading by letting students connect with classmates to share their favorite books.

The teachers at OLOL want your students to be eager and excited to read this summer! Summer reading needs to engage our students throughout the summer, and not just a few days before school begins. To that end, we are hoping that Bookopolis.com will provide great fun, a wealth of knowledge about books, and a place to record minutes read, write reviews and book reports, and recommend books to classmates. **Summer reading is a family commitment.** We hope that by using Bookopolis.com this summer, students will be engaged in reading, have fun connecting with other readers, and be exposed to lots of wonderful books.

In Bookopolis, students can:

- **Create virtual bookshelves** of books they've read, are reading now, or want to read
- **Rate and review books** to practice opinion writing
- **Complete book reports** to practice comprehension and critical thinking
- **Track daily or weekly reading** in an online reading log (including a timer)
- **Connect with friends** to see what books they've read
- **Explore new book ideas** and reviews from curated lists and other Bookopolis readers
- **Earn points and badges** for their reading achievements

Your student already has a Bookopolis account that is created under Our Lady of Lourdes' name. You may want to update your student profile to reflect the grade that you will be entering in the fall. Each classroom teacher is a member of the class and students can examine the teacher's bookshelf to see a list of recommended books. Students can log into their account from any computer or tablet. All of the students in each class are connected as "Friends" on the site so they can see each other's bookshelves and book reviews. Please note that your classroom teacher will be found among the "Friends" that your child is connected to.

Teachers will be checking in over the summer to see what the kids are reading! We will post updates on our website to congratulate voracious readers and record our school total of books read to date. We hope that by making summer reading something that we are actively involved with and

responsible for recording, reviewing, and recommending, will bring the joy of reading into our daily lives this summer.

SUMMER REQUIREMENTS:

- **HAVE FUN READING!**
- **ENJOY BOOKOPOLIS- FIND NEW BOOKS, RECOMMEND TITLES TO CLASSMATES, & WRITE REVIEWS!**
- Students in grades 2-5 should **read and review at least 3 books this summer.** (Reviews are written in Bookopolis.com site, see tutorial link below for more information)
- Students in grades 6-8 should **read, review, & answer the book report questions for at least 3 books.**
- Your student should look at their **teacher's "Bookshelf"**, these are the teacher recommended books and great choices to read this summer. Choose books at or above your reading level. Parents of younger students should work together with their child in Bookopolis.
- Each student will receive a Bingo board specific to their grade. **Students should set a goal to complete a minimum of ONE Bingo on the board.**
- **HAND IN YOUR BINGO BOARD TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER ON SEP. 3!**

This is a school program for summer reading, so we are asking that students **DO NOT** invite any outside friends. All work should be done using your best writing skills, using appropriate language and grammar. Parents need to oversee student activity and should check on friend recommendations to ensure proper usage. This is a lesson in technology and digital responsibility as well.

Student usernames & passwords will be emailed to the parent's primary email address on June 14, 2019.

For more information on Bookopolis.com and great video tutorials go to:

<https://mayorofbookopolis.wordpress.com/2014/10/23/bookopolis-tutorial-videos/>

Bookopolis is a free site that is compliant with COPPA (child online safety standards.) The creator is a book club facilitator, Kari Riedel. Email her directly with any questions or suggestions you have about the site – kari@bookopolis.com.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful summer with LOTS of fabulous books!

~From the Faculty of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mr. Long & Ms. Moore