

Student Name: _____

Due: September 11, 2026

Crusaders Caught Reading Summer 2026

Rising 1st Graders

Dear Students and Families,

We are excited to invite all rising 1st grade students to participate in our **Crusaders Caught Reading** summer reading challenge! Reading over the summer is one of the best ways to grow your mind, strengthen your skills, and prepare for a great start to the new school year.

This year, students will participate in our **Reading Rewards Journey**, where each milestone unlocks exciting prizes. Every step forward is worth celebrating! Track their progress using the form on the back of this page. Turn in the completed form to their homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 11**, in order to be eligible for the rewards.

We would love to see our students “caught reading” all summer long!

Parents, you are invited to email photos of your child reading—whether it’s at home, on vacation, at the beach, or anywhere in between. These photos may be shared on school social media and will be used to create our **Crusaders Caught Reading Wall of Fame**.

Please send photos to: **Mr. Rhine** – trhine@ncak12.org or **Mrs. Williamson** - swilliamson@ncak12.org. Be sure to include your child’s name and rising grade level in the email.

Reading Rewards:

Level 1: Growing Reader - Minimal Requirement

Student reads 10 books from NCA Recommended Reading List and completes the Summer Bible Project. Parents, please record the title of the book on the back of this page.

Reward: Backpack Tag

Level 2: Strong Reader

Student completes Level 1 and an additional 5 books/tasks. See back of this page. Please record book titles on the back of this page.

Rewards: Backpack Tag & Free Dress Down Day on Friday, September 18, 2026.

Level 3: Reading Champion

Student completes ALL Summer Reading Challenges. Please record book titles on the back of this page.

Rewards: Backpack Tag, Free Dress Down Day for September 18 AND entered into a drawing for a Kapla 200 Box.



Where will reading take you this summer?

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Tracking Chart for Rising 1st Graders

Directions: Record the Title of the Book

Level 1: Growing Reader - Minimal Requirement

Adventure Book: _____

Nonfiction Book: _____

Poetry or Rhyming Book: _____

Parents' Choice Book: _____

Book with an Animal Main Character: _____

Chapter Book: _____

Book set in the Past: _____

Free Choice of Book: _____

Science or Nature Book: _____

Fiction Book: _____

Summer Bible Project Completed (Parent Signature): _____

Level 2: Strong Reader - All of Level 1 and the following:

Read aloud to an Adult (send photo to NCA): _____

Memorize Ephesians 4:32 (Parent Signature): _____

Read a Mystery Book: _____

Make a Bookmark about the Book you Read: _____

Read a book with a One Word Title: _____

Level 3: Reading Champion - All of Levels 1 & 2 and the following:

Build a Fort and read inside (send photo to NCA): _____

Read a Book with a Friend: _____

Read a Book that sounds like fun: _____

Memorize Colossians 3:20 (Parent Signature): _____

Free Choice of Book: _____

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