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St. James Catholic School believes in the importance of reading to strengthen fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension throughout the summer. Therefore, Summer Reading Assignments are upon us.

For the 2026-2027 school year, it is **mandatory** that all students:

- ❖ Read the Required Summer Reading book for his/her entering grade level.
- ❖ Read a second book of his/her choice at grade level.
- ❖ Complete the book report for the **required** book with parent/guardian assistance.
- ❖ Complete the reading **Book Report Choice Board** for the second book.
- ❖ All assignments will be collected the first week of school.

Happy reading and enjoy your summer! 📖☀️

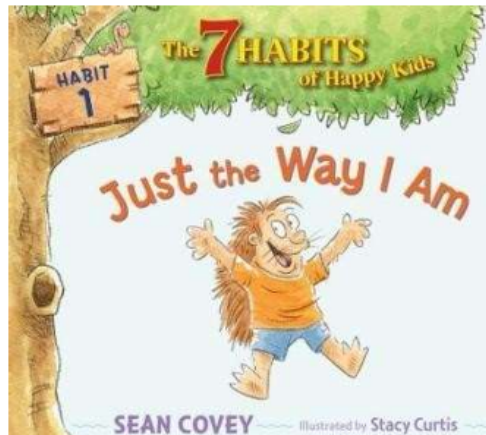
Required Summer Reading 2026 Entering Grade 1

Just the Way I am- Habit 1

By: Sean Covey

Pokey is getting teased by Biff because of his quills. At first, Pokey is upset, but soon he realizes that his quills make him who he is, and he would never want to change that!

Featuring the lovable characters of 7 Oaks, this book addresses the first habit of happy kids: “Be Proactive.” This story encourages children to always be in control of their own life and not let others determine how they should feel.



Book can be purchased from:

Amazon \$5

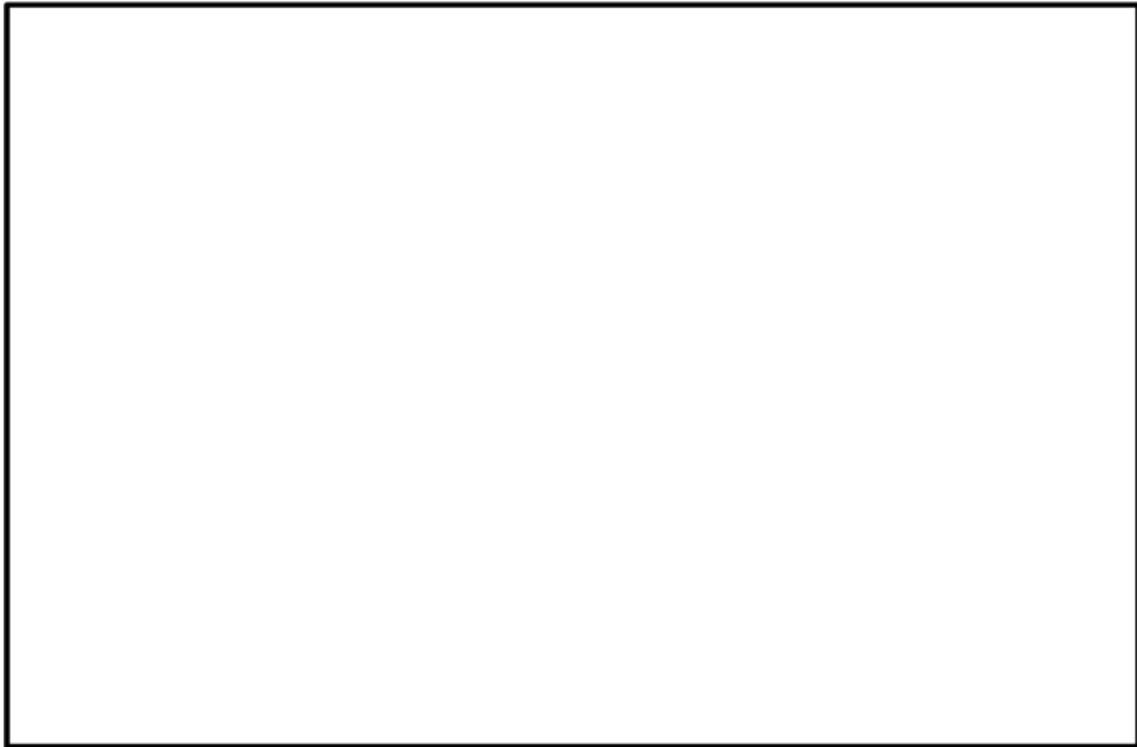
Barnes and Noble \$5

Your Name (first and last name)

Name of Book

Author

1. Who is the main character in the story?



Draw a picture of the main character

Report #1 – Just the Way I am (Mandatory Book)

2. What are some things Pokey could have done instead of being sad?

3. How did the friends of 7 Oaks help Pokey?

4. How did Pokey use his strengths and talents to help?

5. How can you use what you learned in your own life?

Book Report #2

Your Name (first and last name)

Name of Book

Author

Directions: After reading your book choose **two** activities from the choice board. Use your best effort, neat handwriting, and lots of creativity!

Book Report Choice Board

Story Map Draw a story map showing the title, characters, setting, beginning, middle, and end.	Favorite Part Draw and write about your favorite part of the story and why you liked it.	New Word Booklet Pick 3-5 interesting or tricky words from the book. Write each word, what it means, and draw a picture.
Book Review Write 2-3 sentences about what you liked or didn't like about the book. Give it a star rating!	Character Feelings Pick one character. Draw them and write or tell how they felt at the beginning, middle, and end.	Problem and Solution What was the problem in the story? How did the character solve it? Draw or write about it.
Make a New Book Cover with the title, author, and a picture that shows something important the story	Story Diorama Use a shoebox or paper to create a 3D scene from the book using drawings or small objects.	Letter to a Character Write a short letter to your favorite character. Tell them why you like them and ask a question.