



Junior High Summer Reading

Hopefully you will find lots of time to read for fun this summer, as reading is an incredible way to enter new worlds, jump into an adventure and discover new perspectives all from the comfort of our favorite reading nooks. Summer is a great chance to refresh and reset and as you do that remember to also include daily Bible reading, maybe a Psalm or a Proverb, so that you are staying spiritually nourished!

This summer you will be required to read an assigned book and at least one optional book (you may choose your own or choose one from the attached reading list. Hopefully, you will choose to read more than one!!!

6th graders required reading- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. We will be discussing *Tom Sawyer* the first few weeks of school and you must write a list of 8-10 of the main events in the story due Thursday, August 31st.

7th graders required reading –*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster. We will be discussing *The Phantom Tollbooth* the first few weeks of school. You will be expected to pass in a 1-2 paragraph comparing and contrasting yourself and the main character of this book. How are you alike and how are you different than the main character? Your paper will be due Thursday, August 31st

8th graders required reading –*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. We will be discussing *Tuck Everlasting* the first few weeks of school. You will also be expected to choose one of the following themes and write a 1-2 page essay.

- Greed
- Independence
- Natural life cycle - Life and Death
- Order versus disorder

The essay will be due Thursday, August 31st. It needs to include an introduction, body, and conclusion and must include a quote from the book to support the theme you choose. Remember to use MLA format! ☺

Have a fantastic summer!

Suggested Reading List

Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
The Incredible Journey by Sheila Bumford
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz
Queen of Hearts by Martha Brooks
Take Me to the River by Will Hobbs
Ruby Red by Kerstin Gier
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan
El Lector by William Durbin
Listen! by Stephanie Tolan
Here Lies the Librarian by Richard Peck
After the Train by Gloria Whelan
Girl Who Threw Butterflies by Mick Cochrane
Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis by Peter Nelson
Navajo Code Talkers by Nathan Aaseng
Brooklyn Bridge by Karen Hesse
Golden Bull by Marjorie Cowley
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt
Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
Holes by Louis Sachar
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Gray
April Morning by Howard Fast
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
The Acorn People by Ron Jones
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Chronicles of Narnia(any...all) by C.S. Lewis
Ann of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Gentle Ben by Walter Morey
The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson