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Summer Reading Assignment for Grades 3-8

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Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Theresa School Students (Grades 3-8),

We have updated our summer reading assignment to reflect our literature-based reading program for grades 3-8.

Each grade will have one book to read and an activity to complete prior to the opening of school in August. The assigned book and activity is the first graded assignment in Reading (grades 6-8 Reading/Literature). When your child returns to school, he/she will return with the book and the completed assignment. Reading instruction will begin with each grade's assigned book. Before the last week of school, the teachers will distribute the books along with the assignment. There is no need for you to purchase the book(s).

Shortly before distributing the summer reading books, we will send out an Option C giving you the date the books will be going home. Please be reminded that your child is responsible for the return of his/her assigned book. The book is considered a text book and property of St. Theresa School. In addition, we are including a reading list for your child to choose two other books to read with no formal assignments.

We encourage you to become involved in this assignment by listening to your child read and discussing the events in the story. Ask your child to draw a picture about a chapter(s) he/she has read. Doing this will help in his/her comprehension.

Thank you for your continued support. Have an enjoyable and restful summer!

Mrs. Tice
Principal

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT – 2018 Grades 6, 7, and 8

Good authors have interesting characters who change throughout the book as a result of the events the character experiences. Identify a character who changes from the beginning to the end in your book. This could be a physical change, a change in attitude, or a change in behavior. Explain how they were at the beginning, what kind of change it is, what caused them to change, and is this a good change or not, for this character or for the book overall.

- Be sure to explain your thinking, defend your ideas, and provide clear explanations for the reader
- Do NOT just retell; give just enough background information to develop and support your explanation
- Use 3rd person, Active Voice, and Present Tense
- Use a formal tone - no contractions, slang, or street talk
- Use MLA format - includes double spacing
- Begin by restating the question/prompt, then answer it, then give evidence from the book to support your answer, explain what you mean, and conclude your paragraph.
- Be sure to include the title of your book () and the name of the author in your response.

Reading List Grade 6

Title	Author	Description	Fiction/Non-Fiction	Level
A Series of Unfortunate Event	L. Snicket	Three orphaned children uncover a relative's sinister plot to kill them and take the fortune their deceased parents have left them.	Fiction	Average
Among the Hidden	M. Maddix	A look into the future of government.	Fiction	Challenging
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis	A boy searches for his father in the depression era mid-west.	Fiction	Average
Crispin	Avi	A fatherless boy must survive in 14 th Century England.	Fiction	Difficult
Harry Potter (series)	J. K. Rowlings	Series of a young wizard's adventures.	Fiction	Challenging
Holes	Sachar	An innocent boy is sent to a work camp that hides a secret.	Fiction	Average
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	Armstrong	An ill-fated 1910 Antarctica expedition turns into an amazing survival tale.	Non-Fiction	Challenging
So. B. It	Weeks	A girl must deal with her mother's disability.	Fiction	Challenging
Strider	B. Cleary	Leigh comes to terms with his parents' divorce, acquires an abandoned dog, and joins the track team.	Fiction	Easy
The Cay	T. Taylor	When their freighter is torpedoed by a German submarine, and adolescent boy, and an old man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island.	Fiction	Average
The Secret School	Avi	In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse closes unexpectedly.	Fiction	Average
El Deafo	C. Bell	Going to school and making new friends can be tough, doing it while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this graphic novel, Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful- awkward-hearing aid.	Fiction	Average
The Wright 3	Balliet	Three friends try to solve a mystery involving a Frank Lloyd Wright House.	Fiction	Average
Worst Class Trip Ever!	Beech	Middle school girl gets stranded on a deserted island with her classmates, the school priss and her latest crush!	Fiction	Average
Hoot	C. Hiassan	The book centers around the vandalism, on the soon to be town pancake house construction site.	Fiction	Average
Crash	J. Spinelli	The story follows 7 th Grader John "Crash" Coogan's progression from football jock to mature, sensitive, friend, brother and son.	Fiction	Average
Inkheart	C. Funke	An enchanting fantasy tale about a twelve year old girl called Meggie who lives in Italy with her father, Mortimer.	Fiction	Average
Number the Stars	L. Lowry	The story, told from the point of view of 10 year old Annemarie, is set in 1943 Copenhagen, the 3 rd year of Nazi occupation.	Fiction	Challenging
Out of the Dust	K. Hesse	The story of a family of farmers during the Dust Bowl Years (1932-1934) in Oklahoma. Told in a series of free verse poems in the first person.	Fiction	Challenging
Walk Two Moons	S. Creech	Thirteen year old Salamanca Hiddle is embarking on a journey with her grandparents to retrace the steps of her mother, Chanhassan "Sugar" Hiddle	Fiction	Average

Reading List Grade 7

Title	Author	Description	Fiction/Non-Fiction	Level
Anpao	J. Highwater	This Newbery Honor book chronicles a young Indian's mystical journey that crosses many time periods.	Fiction	Average
Chinese Cinderella	A. Mah	The story of an unwanted daughter.	Non-Fiction	Average
Freak the Mighty	R. Philbrick	Two disabled kids join forces to become one powerful force!	Fiction	Easy
Homecoming	C. Voight	Abandoned by their mother, four children search for a home and an identity.	Fiction	Average
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	M. Taylor	Set in the 1930's, an African-American family faces prejudice in the south.	Fiction	Average
Rules	Lord	Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a paraplegic friend.	Fiction	Challenging
Souder	W. Armstrong	The story of a boy and a devoted dog.	Fiction	Average
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	M. Twain	The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century.	Fiction	Challenging
The Summer of Riley	Bunting	Eleven-year-old William must fight for his dog's life after Riley is taken away because he chases and injures a neighbor's old horse.	Fiction	Easy
Who Ran My Underwear Up a Flagpole	Spinelli	It's football season at Plumstead Middle School. Sunny is a cheerleader, Eddie is our for football, and Pickles is leading the band.	Fiction	Average
Ella Enchanted	G. Carson Levine	At birth, Ella of Frel is given the gift of obedience by the well-meaning but misguided fairy Lucinda. As a result, she cannot disobey a direct order given to her.	Fiction	Average
Gathering Blue	L. Lowry	This book is the story of a young weaver named Kira who lives in a primitive community where there is no room for the weak, the sick or the different.	Fiction	Challenging
I Kill the Mockingbird	P. Acampora	Over summer break, Lucy, Elena, and Michael launch a campaign to make a beloved teacher's favorite book "go viral."	Fiction	Average
Stargirl	J. Spinelli	The novel is narrated by Leo Borlock, and eleventh-grade student a the fictional Mica Area High School in Arizona, and chronicles his interactions with new student Susan "Stargirl" Caraway.	Fiction	Average
Masterminds	G. Korman	After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything.	Fiction	Average
Middle School, the Worst Years Of My Life	J. Patterson C. Tabbetts	Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control	Fiction	Average
Sisters	R. Telemsier	During a three-week road trip, the stormy relationship between Raina and her younger sister, Amara, unfolds.	Fiction	Average
Road Trip	G. Paulsen J. Paulsen	Initially expecting a simple trip to rescue a border collie, Ben finds himself traveling by school bus with his enthusiastic father, a crusty mechanic and other colorful characters.	Fiction	Average

Reading List Grade 8

Title	Author	Description	Fiction/Non-Fiction	Level
Bullyville	F. Prose	A boy whose father is killed in the 9/11 tragedy learns how to deal with bullying at an upper-crust school.	Fiction	Average
Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience	J. Wakatsuki	True story of a seven-year-old girl forced to live in a Japanese Internment camp in California during World War II.	Non-Fiction	Challenging
Heat	Lupica	Growing up in the shadows of Yankee Stadium, Michael Arroyo pitches his team to the little league series – but is he too old to play?	Fiction	Average
Hope was Here	Bauer	A sixteen-year-old lives with her aunt in Brooklyn. Together they join the fight to oust a corrupt mayor.	Fiction	Average
My 13 th Season	Roberts	Downhearted due to the loss of her mother, thirteen-year-old Fran gives up her dream of becoming the first female in professional baseball.	Fiction	Easy
Runner	Deuker	Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat has been hard on Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he learns that the money isn't everything.	Fiction	Challenging
The Book Thief	Markus	Trying to make sense of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding.	Fiction	Challenging
The Boy Who Saved Baseball	Ritter	The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to win with a secret player, Dante Del Gato.	Fiction	Average
The Desperado Who Stole Baseball	Ritter	The fate of a Wild West gold mining town rests in the hands of two individuals.	Fiction	Average
Travel Team	Lupica	The smallest kid on the team has to follow in his father's legacy but gets cut by his father's old nemesis – will making his own team make him successful?	Fiction	Average
And Then There Were None	A. Christie	Eight strangers are lured to the mysterious Indian Island.	Fiction	Challenging
Fahrenheit 451	R. Bradbury	Set in the 24 th century, Guy Montag takes pleasure in his profession as a fireman, burning illegal books and the homes of their owners until he begins to realize the value of his profession and in turn, his life.	Fiction	Challenging
The Hobbit	J. R. R. Tolkien	The story of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit. He enjoys a peaceful, pastoral life until it is interrupted by a surprise visit by the wizard Gandalf.	Fiction	Challenging
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	W. Irving	The "Legend" relates the tale of Ichabod Crane, a lean, lanky and extremely superstitious schoolmaster from Connecticut, who competes with the town rowdy for the hand of the daughter and sole child of a wealthy farmer.	Fiction	Average