

Summer Reading for students entering: Grade 8

At St. Joseph School, we the faculty and staff believe in the VALUE of reading! Therefore, we strongly encourage that every student spend at least 15 minutes a day reading over the summer for pleasure and enjoyment. Studies show that students who read succeed. It helps to build good reading habits and reinforce skills learned during the past school year. Summer is a perfect time to gain knowledge rather than lose it. This can be accomplished through this summer READING. Since we are a Catholic school we also encourage you to have your child or you read to your child one religious book over the summer such as a book about a Saint or Bible stories. Though these are not always available at the public library some web sites you can get them through are:

www.Setonhome.org

www.Neumannpress.com

www.stgabriel.com

www.osv.com

www.pauline.org

www.ignatius.com

www.tanbooks.com

Response requirements for Eighth Grade

1. Read the following books:
 - a. Avi – Nothing But the Truth (A test will be given the first week of school)
 - b. The Liberty Pole. (Enclosed in the Summer Packet. The guided reading packet and activities must be completed by the first day of school.)
 - c. Read a play of your choice and write a report that includes: Title, author, main characters (with descriptions) and a one page summary of the play including theme and personal reaction to it.
2. Keep a reading log of all the books you read over the summer.

Suggested Reading List for Entering Eighth Grade

1. DuBois, William - The Twenty - One Balloons
2. Twain, Mark - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
3. Babbitt, Natalie - Tuck Everlasting
4. Austin, Jane - Pride and Prejudice
5. Irving, Washington - Legend of Sleepy Hollow (original version)
6. Voight, Cynthia - A Solitary Blue
7. Yep, Laurence - Dragonwings
8. Armstrong, William - Souder
9. O'Dell, Scott - Sarah Bishop
10. Murphy, Jim - The Boy's War
11. Yep, Laurence - Dragon's Gate
12. Freedman, Russell - Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery
13. Alcott, Louisa May - Little Women
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15. Jacques, Brian - Redwall
16. Tolkein, JRR - Trilogy of the Rings
17. Hunt, Irene - Up the Road Slowly
18. Townsend, John Rowe - The Intruder
19. Kennedy, John F. - Profiles in Courage
20. Paulsen, Gary - The Rifle
21. Cormier, Robert - Tunes for Bears to Dance To
22. Bronte, Charlotte - Jane Eyre
23. Conroy, Pat - The River is Wide
24. Hilton, James - Good - bye, Mr. Chips
25. Du Maurier, Daphne - Rebecca
26. Asinof, Eliot - Eight Men Out
27. Gallico, Paul - The Snow Goose
28. Adams, Richard - Watership Down
29. Myers, Walter Dean - Scorpions
30. Yolen, Jane - Briar Rose

My Summer Reading List

Name: _____

Books I Have Read

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Attach additional pages if necessary