

Holy Family School Summer Reading

5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th

2017-2018



This is a required reading project and the first grade of next school year.

WHY: We encourage all middle school students to read throughout the summer to enhance reading enjoyment while increasing reading proficiency.

WHAT: Students are required to read ONE of the following books during the summer break. In addition to reading, you must complete a project listed for your book. These are creative projects so have fun with them. In addition to the project, students will also be required to pass the AR test associated with their chosen book upon their return to school.

WHEN: Your projects are due the first week of school, and they will be presented to the class, so **BE PREPARED!** You are graded on participation, content, and effort – so do your best. Be sure to include: Characters (who), Plot (what happened), Setting (where), and Theme (what is the author trying to say about the world).

Upcoming 5th Grade (Choose One)

<i>City of Orphans</i>	Author: AVI	HISTORICAL FICTION
<i>Half Moon Investigations</i>	Author: Eoin Coffey	MYSTERY
<i>Iqbal</i>	Author: Francesco D'Adama	HISTORICAL FICTION
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Author: Lois Lowery	HISTORICAL FICTION
<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	Author: Trent Steward	ADVENTURE
<i>The Thief</i>	Author: Megan Whalen Turner	ADVENTURE

Upcoming 6th Grade (Choose One)

<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Author: Irene Hunt	HISTORICAL FICTION
<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>	Author: Jules Verne	ADVENTURE
<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killers</i>	Author: James Swanson	NONFICTION
<i>Mockingbird</i>	Author: Kathryn Erskine	REALISTIC FICTION
<i>The Book of Three</i>	Author: Lloyd Alexander	FANTASY
<i>The People of Sparks</i>	Author: Jeanne DuPrau	SCIENCE FICTION
<i>The Twenty One Balloons</i>	Author: William Pene du Bois	ADVENTURE

Upcoming 7th Grade (Choose One)

<i>Airborn</i>	Author: Kenneth Oppel	FANTASY
<i>Bystander</i>	Author: James Preller	REALISTIC FICTION
<i>Chinese Cinderella</i>	Author: Adeline Yen Mah	NONFICTION
<i>East</i>	Author: Edith Pattou	MYTH
<i>Enchantress From the Stars</i>	Author: Sylvia Engdahl	SCIENCE FICTION
<i>Peak</i>	Author: Roland Smith	ADVENTURE
<i>Promise the Night</i>	Author: Michaela MacColl	HISTORICAL FICTION

Upcoming 8th Grade (Choose One)

<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Author: Agatha Christie	MYSTERY
<i>Chains</i>	Author: Laurie Hale Anderson	HISTORICAL FICTION
<i>Life As We Knew It</i>	Author: Susan Beth Pfeffer	SCIENCE FICTION
<i>Sword of the Rightful King</i>	Author: Janet Yolen	FANTASY
<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Author: Douglass Adams	SCIENCE FICTION
<i>The Last Battle or The Magician's Nephew</i>	Author: C.S. Lewis	ADVENTURE
<i>The President has been Shot!</i>	Author: James Swanson	NONFICTION
<i>Wish You Well</i>	Author: David Baldacci	REALISTIC FICTION

See the Reverse Side for Project Ideas

Be Sure to Include: Plot – What happens in the story and when? What was the conflict? Why that conflict and not another? Characters – Who are the major characters? Who are the minor characters? Setting - Where does this story take place? Why there? Theme - What is the central message of the story?

Upcoming 5th & 6th Grade Project Ideas

Time Capsule: Put together items and descriptions that highlight the major components of the novel. You will use artifacts, letters by the characters and other items pertaining to the story. It will be opened 100 years from now. You must include 15 items and have a note card for each item explaining its significance to the story.

Scrapbook: Create a scrapbook for one of the main characters that reflects the many events that occur to him or her in the novel you read. You can include photographs, letters, post cards, telegrams, a family tree, newspaper article clippings, memorable items, or anything else you can think of that you might find in a scrapbook. If you include objects or photographs, be sure to write captions below describing what they are or what's going on and their significance to the character. Create a nice cover for your scrapbook. On the inside, paste an information sheet identifying the full name of the character, his/her age (guess if you don't know), birthdate (if known), where he/she lives, and any other important information. The scrapbook should be 10-12 pages in length and should contain enough written information on each page to demonstrate your understanding of the novel.

T-Shirt: Make a t-shirt about your book. Use your t-shirt to teach about your book. Characters must be represented along with the story's beginning, middle, and end. Be sure the setting is brought to life on your t-shirt.

Trivia Game: Create a game based on your book. Make a board, game pieces, questions, answer cards and rules. Use the characters, settings, problems and elements of the story to create your game. Each game must have at least 20 questions.

Children's Book: Turn the novel you read into a children's story by retelling the plot in a simple way with vocabulary appropriate for youngsters. Make sure your creation looks like a children's book, complete with an appealing cover including a picture, the title, and the author, and colorful illustrations above and below your writing on each page. DO NOT use lined paper, and make sure all writing is either typed or written neatly with a black marker. Your children's book should be 12-15 pages in length and capture the key elements of the novel (beginning, middle, and end).

Upcoming 7th & 8th Grade Project Ideas

Newspaper - Create a front page to a newspaper that is devoted entirely to the book you read. The front page should look as much like a real newspaper as possible with writing in columns, headlines, a newspaper title, etc. You can include a variety of different kinds of features including horoscopes for each character, "Dear Abby" letters, comic strips, news articles, advertisements, personal ads, an obituary section, or anything else you might find in a newspaper. Everything you include; however, must be based on events and characters in the book you read. Articles must be typed. The newspaper should be 3-4 pages in length (or front and back on two pages).

Comic Book - Create a comic book based on the novel you read. It should have an illustrated cover with the title and author, and be comic book size. Inside, retell the story using dialogue and descriptions of the setting and characters. Put your writing in bubbles. Create colorful illustrations that help tell the story. The comic book should be at least 10-12 pages in length.

Film Version - Turn the book into a mini film using any medium available (puppets, clay, human actors). Create scripts and be sure to include characters, plot, setting, and theme. Film the events to present to the class. Be prepared to show your film in class and explain why you did this and how you did this?

Cell Phone Stories- Give each of the main or important characters a cellphone, complete with apps, background pictures, and ringtones. Then re-tell the story as though it was one giant text message between characters. (I would recommend breaking up the novel by chapters for this assignment.) Cell Phone stories should be at least 10-12 pages in length.

Talk Show - Suppose the major characters from the novel you read are guests on a TV talk show like Oprah, only you are the host. Develop a "hot" topic which these characters can all relate to (ex: for The Princess Bride you could use, "My husband tried to kill me"). Be sure to have a theme song to go with your show and mention the topic for your program. You will also need to introduce each character and ask probing questions that reveal who he/she is, how he/she is related to the other character(s), his/her beliefs, motivations (reasons for doing certain actions), and anything else of importance to your topic. Be sure to take questions from your audience or callers. Include at least one commercial break in your show (all commercial(s) must somehow relate to the novel you read). You are required to write a script but you may also have film the live version.

I look forward to a summer full of reading and a new school year full of reading celebrations. Happy reading!