

7th – 8th Suggested Summer Reading List

Parents,

Our desire is for students to find books that will open their eyes and their hearts to the joy of reading, so they will crave to read more. During the summer, please feel free to choose with your child(ren) 2 or more books of their choice on their reading level or beyond for extra credit in the fall.

In order to receive extra credit, students need to create a visual presentation (see project suggestions below) of their favorite scene from one or more of the books they chose and type a 1 full page summary of the plot from each book. Students will receive a test grade for each activity turned in. Understand, I DO NOT do extra credit during the school year. I offer bonus points on most tests and quizzes and I drop the lowest grade in each category. This summer reading suggestion will be the only extra credit they receive. Parents, please make sure the two choices are books that **your child has not read before.**

Suggested books are listed below:

8th Grade:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Hangman's Curse – Frank Peretti

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Project Suggestions:

Diorama – include explanation

Costume book for characters – 10 pages

Hand-painted mural depicting several scenes

Make a scroll with timeline of important events

Picture booklet with a minimum of 10 hand drawings

Full-color comic book, graphic novel – 15 pages

Movie – 3 – 5 minutes of YOU acting out a scene

Make a model of an important scene – with explanation

Make a map, chart, or blueprint – with explanations

Write a song about your book and sing to class – singing required

7th Grade:

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott(girls)

Little Men by Louisa May Alcott(boys)

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

The Magician's Nephew by C. S. Lewis

**Anne of Green Gables* – L.M. Montgomery

**Timebenders* by Jim Denney

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

The Black Stallion by Walter Farley

*any book in the series is acceptable

These are just suggestions. **Use your imagination!**

Drawings should be hand drawings NOT cut and paste from internet.

NOTE: FOR FULL CREDIT, this MUST be turned on FIRST day of school. NO EXCEPTIONS!