

6th – 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

6th Grade

Tuck Everlasting - Babbit

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - Baum

A Little Princess - Burnett

The Secret Garden – Burnett

Because of Winn Dixie - DiCamillo

The Black Stallion - Farley

Hoot - Hiassen

Johnny Tremain - Forbes

7th - 8th Grade:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott(girls)

Little Men by Louisa May Alcott(boys)

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Anne of Green Gables – L.M. Montgomery

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

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

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 the FIRST day of school. NO EXCEPTIONS!

9th, 10th, 11th Grades

Summer Reading

I challenge you to engage and invest in yourself through reading. In exchange, I am offering you a chance to earn extra credit at the beginning of the school year. Think of that; you will start ahead of the game!

Here's the deal. Choose any book from the list below. Read it at your leisure. That's right, take your time and enjoy it. Opening a book and letting your eyes touch the words is not reading. Get involved in the story. Get to know the characters.

Then, use the format below to write a brief book review.

Please choose a book you have not read before. Read the book, not Schmoop, GradeSaver or Spark Notes. You need to get a genuine feel for the writer's voice and style to be able to write an accurate, effective review.

You may receive up to 50 extra credit points for each review. You may submit up to 3 book reviews. That is 150 easy-peasy extra credit points.

I look forward to seeing your book choices and reading your reviews.

Mrs. Murdock

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SUMMER READING CHOICES

The 49th Mystic by Dekker, Ted

Across Five Aprils by Hunt, Irene

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Doyle, Arthur, Conan

The Agency by Lee, Y.S.

Animal Farm by Orwell, George

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, by Twain, Mark

The Contract: Jimmer Fredette by Pat Forde

The Door in the Hedge by McKinley, Robin

Erasing Time by Hill, C.J.

The Hobbit by Tolkien, J.R.R

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Ford, Jamie

The House on Mango Street by Cisneros, Sandra

The Invisible Man by Wells, H.G.

Ivanhoe by Scott, Walter

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Verne, Jules

Out of the Silent Planet by Lewis, C.S.

The Rent Collector by Wright, Cameron

The Swan House by Musser, Elizabeth

Tess of the D'ubervilles, Hardy, Thomas

This is the Day by Tebow, Tim

The Tortilla Curtain by Boyle, T.C.

Up From Slavery by Washington, Booker T.

A Voice in the Wind by Rivers, Francine

War of the Worlds by Wells, H.G.

EXTRA CREDIT SUMMER READING REVIEW

Write a short 250-300 word book review using the following format. Write as if you were posting the review on Amazon.

1. Write your name and the date on the first line.
2. Skip a line.
3. Write the title of the book, author, date the book was published, and the number of pages.

Example: *Watership Down* by Richard Adams, 2005, 476 pages.

4. Rate the book from 1 to 5 stars.
5. Skip another line.
6. Write a title for your review. Something short that describes the book or how you feel about the book.

Example: Full of love and laughter

Example: Bored me to tears

Example: A suspenseful mystery

Only you know how you feel about the book and your impression of the story. Sum that up in 3 to 5 words.

7. Write your summary using short paragraphs that delivery good, useful information in as few words as possible. The paragraphs DO NOT have to be 5 or more sentences for this type of review (and ONLY this type of review).

Paragraph 1: Very briefly tell what the book is about. Don't give away too many details, just give your reader an idea of what kind of story to expect.

Paragraph 2: Did you enjoy the book? Explain your answer in detail. Some things to think about: Did you like the author's style? Was it easy to read? Did you find the characters came to life? Was the story believable? Was it similar to any other books you have read? How? Was it different from any book you have ever read? Why?

These are just ideas. You do not have to answer every question directly.

Paragraph 3: Who do you think would enjoy this book. Be very specific. Why do you think they would enjoy it.

Example: This is the perfect book for people over the age of 13 who enjoy crime drama. It is an intense and emotional novel. If you are easily frightened do not read this book!

That's all. You don't need a formal conclusion on this type of review. All reviews MUST BE TURNED IN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL to receive extra credit.

12th Grade Summer Reading – Mr. Scharff

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