

Entering Grade 5 Summer Reading:

All incoming 5th grade students must read **Windcatcher** by Avi.

On the first day of school you must arrive ready to discuss this book and complete assignments on it. In addition, choose one or more books from the following list.

Choose something you have not read before.

<p>Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat</p> <p>The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare</p> <p>Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p>Number the Stars by Lois Lowry</p> <p>Peter Pan by J.M Barrie</p> <p>Peter & the Starcatchers by Dave Barry</p> <p>Daughter of the Mountains by Louise Rankin</p> <p>Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata</p> <p>The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Rascal by Sterling North</p> <p>Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Janet Gray</p> <p>Redwall by Brian Jacques (or another in the series)</p> <p>Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson</p> <p>Any from the Crispin Series by Avi</p> <p>King of the Wind by Margaret Henry</p> <p>My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George</p> <p>A Tree in the Trail by Holling Clancy Hollings (or any by this author)</p> <p>Teresa of Calcutta: Serving the Poorest of the Poor – D. Jeanene Watson</p>	<p>Any in The Narnia Chronicles by C.S. Lewis (except The Silver Chair)</p> <p>The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (or another in the series)</p> <p>The Phantom Tollbooth- Norton Justin</p> <p>The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P Figg by Rodman Philbrick</p> <p>A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck</p> <p>Caddie Woodlawn by Carol R. Brink</p> <p>Anne of Green Gables LM Montgomery</p> <p>The Road to Paris- Nikki Grimmes</p> <p>Whales on Stilts- M.T. Anderson</p> <p>Snow Baby- Katherine Kirkpatrick</p> <p>Penderwick Series Jeanne Birdsall</p> <p>Indian in the Cupboard - by Lynne Reid Banks</p> <p>Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters by Lesley Blume</p> <p>The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p>Gertie's Leap to Greatness by Kate Beasley</p> <p>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba</p>
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The assignment for the second book is to create a paper bag book report. You will bring this with you and turn it in on the first day of school. The paper bag must be decorated in the theme of the book and must include the title, author, and your name. Inside the bag, you must include ten objects that relate to the story. The objects can be real or you can make them yourself. The items should be varied in nature.

You also need to write a book report. In the first paragraph, please give a summary of the plot. The second and third paragraphs should give descriptions of the main character's personalities. For the fourth paragraph explain why you chose the book. Finally, in the fifth paragraph please tell whether you liked the book or not and why. Reports must be typed and double spaced.

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Choose your own adventure! If you would like to choose your own summer reading, feel free to make your own list. Please choose books at or above your grade level. Submit the typed list to your current LA teacher for pre-approval.

Entering Grade 6 Summer Reading:

All incoming 6th grade students must read **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. On the first day of school you must arrive ready to discuss this book and complete assignments on it. In addition, choose one or more books from the following list. Choose something you have not read before.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (or another Paulsen book)
Amos Fortune, Freeman by Elizabeth Yates
The Incredible Journey by Shelia Burnford
Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (or another in the series)
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Half Magic by Edward Eager
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan
Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park
Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen
Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey... by Daniel James Brown

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series -by Rick Riordan
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
The Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
The Wild Robot - Peter Brown
A Long Walk to Water – Linda Sue Park
The Inquisitor's Tale – Hatem Aly
Nory Ryan's Song – Patricia Reilly Giff
Shakespeare Stealer – Gary Blackwood
100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
Rain Reign by Ann Martin
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
Matilda by Roald Dahl

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You also need to write a one page summary of the book including descriptions of the main characters, the main plot, and a conclusion. Include a paragraph that tells whether you liked the book or not and why. Reports must be typed and double spaced.

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Entering Grade 7 - Summer Reading Assignment:

All 7th grade students please read **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** by Avi and a second book from the list below. You must read something that you have not read before. You will use the chosen book to complete the essay prompt (attached below the reading lists). The essay is due on the first day of school.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Anderson
The Light Princess by George MacDonald
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Eight Cousins by Louisa May Alcott
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
April Morning by Howard Fast
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Summer of the Swans by Betsey Byars
Gold Dust by Chris Lynch
The City of Ember by Jeanne Du Prau
The Wanderers by Sharon Creech and David Diaz
Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Those new to BCA can also read one of the following:

The Bronze Bow-Elizabeth George Speare
Treasure Island-Robert Louis Stevenson (Ask me about an easier version)
The Cay-Theodore Taylor

The Name of This Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch
Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Around the World in 100 Days by Gary Blackwoods
Touchblue by Cynthia Lord
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot (or another in this series)
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
The Mystery of the Roman Ransom-Henry Winterfield
The Red Badge of Courage- Stephen Crane
Freedom Train-Dorothy Sterling
Linspired: The Jeremy Lin Story-Mike Yorkey
Tim Tebow: Through My Eyes-Tim Tebow
Seven Daughters and Seven Sons- Barbara Cohen
The Prince Warriors-Priscilla Shirer

Narnia Series-Pick any book you have not read.

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7th Grade Summer Reading Prompt:

A theme is a main idea that an author chooses to include in his or her novel. Decide on a theme (main idea) that is present in one of the novels you chose to read this summer. Write a 5 paragraph essay on how the author presents this theme and what he or she is trying to say about it. Be sure to define the theme in your introductory paragraph as well what the author might be saying about this theme. (Ex: why family is important or that lying ruins relationships). The following rubric will guide you in the writing process:

1. Essay is written in five paragraphs (introduction, 3 body paragraphs, and conclusion).
2. The introduction ends with a three point thesis statement that clearly states what the essay will be about.
3. Each body paragraph includes at least one detailed example from the novel that proves a particular point in your thesis.
4. Standard grammar is used throughout essay. (Capitalization, punctuation, consistent verb tense, subject/verb agreement, possessive nouns, comma usage)
5. Spelling is correct throughout essay.

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Entering Grade 8 - Summer Reading Assignment

All 8th grade students please read **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton and two books from the list below. You must read something that you have not read before. Complete the Character Analysis Essay (attached below) for one of the two additional books you choose. The essay is due on the first day of school.

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
At the Back of the North Wind by George MacDonald
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson
Airborn by Kenneth Oppel
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Dove by Robin Lee Graham
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
Ulysses by James Joyce
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
In the Heart of the Sea: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
Hoot by Carl Hiassen
Close to Famous by Joan Bauer
Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
Heat by Mike Lupica
Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata
The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Ties That Bind, Ties That Break by Lensey Namioka
Stones in Water by Donna Jo Napoli
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres
The Finest Hours by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman

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8th Grade Summer Reading Prompt:

Choose one dynamic character in your chosen book. Write an essay explaining how the character changes throughout the book. The essay will need an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

Details:

- Paragraphs should have a minimum of five sentences per paragraph.
- Paragraph 2 contains an interesting and concise description of setting and plot summary.
- Paragraph 3 contains descriptions of main characters.
- Paragraph 4 describes the chosen character and the change that takes place in this character through the story.
- Body paragraphs 5-7 each contain and prove one main point from the thesis statement. These paragraphs are the evidence for the change that takes place in the character.
- Paragraphs 1 and 8 will be your introductory and concluding paragraphs.
- Include at least two relevant quotes from the book to support the evidence for the chosen character's change or growth. Use proper punctuation for quotations and proper page citation for the page number. MLA style uses parenthesis for quotations. For example (Lewis, 43) for a quote found on page 43 written by C.S. Lewis.
- Standard grammar is used throughout essay (capitalization, punctuation, consistent verb tense, subject/verb agreement, possessive nouns, comma usage).
- Correct spelling is used throughout essay.
- Your essay should be under 2 pages in length.
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced.

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