

6th Grade Summer Reading

We are so excited to welcome you to Middle School and hope that you are excited about joining us! Hopefully your summer will be wonderful and relaxing; maybe you will be traveling. We hope you are ready for a great year with many opportunities to grow, change, and explore new ideas through all your studies, especially Literature.

To help you prepare, we are asking that you spend part of your summer reading and taking in some great literature! There are so many wonderful books and topics to explore and much of the choices will be up to you as to what you read. There will be a very simple and easy to complete form for each of the three books you choose. (This *is* called “summer reading,” so don’t neglect your end of the year school responsibilities by starting too soon!)

First, choose a book from each of the following genres or topics: 1) realistic fiction, 2) Biblical, mythological, legend, or fantasy, and 3) biography. If you do not find a book that you think you would enjoy, then please email us as soon as possible with a choice of your own (this is only for the realistic fiction, mythological, legend, or fantasy sections.) It must be the appropriate reading level and also must fit into the genre or topic. All books, whether from our list or of your own choosing, must be books that you have not read before. Expand your mind and horizons with new literature! For questions, our email addresses will be included at the end of this letter. All new choices must be made and approved by August 1st.

Once you have chosen your books, enjoy reading them! Lie around by the pool or at the beach, stay awake late into the night with a flashlight, bring them along on your family vacation and really become lost in them! Some of the books on the list may have ideas or topics that can be difficult to read about. Allow God to give you this opportunity to grow as a Christian by thinking about ways you could respond in the same situations.

Next, print out and complete a separate form for each book. You are not being required to create a project or come up with a presentation for the first week of school. Just answer the questions, fill in the blanks, and share your opinions of the literature you read. Cursive usually is easier to read than print – just a hint! There is also a sample form for you to look over!!!

Finally, have your completed forms ready to turn in on the first day of school. Don’t worry, it will be crazy and you will be nervous and excited, so if you forget them the first day, just bring them the second day. Try to avoid waiting until the night before to complete the work; trust us - you and your parents will appreciate this!

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email one of us, and we will do our best to respond as soon as possible. We are hoping to do a little traveling too, so if we don’t respond right away just wait patiently. Thanks! Our email addresses are michelle.grant@princeofpeace.org and meredith.arldt@princeofpeace.org. We will check it often.

Happy Reading!

In HIS Service,

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Choose one book from each genre or topic. Or, email us with your own appropriate choice. Reminder that the books you choose must be new to you. There are no titles listed for biography as those titles will be completely your choice. You only need to email us about your biography choice if you have questions.

Realistic Fiction

From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Bloomability by Sharon Creech

Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me by Lisa Papademetriou

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Biblical, Mythological, Legend, or Fantasy

*(Don't let this choice confuse you - the Bible is certainly **not** a myth, legend, or fantasy!! It is without a doubt the inerrant Word of God!)*

Ephesians (It's short, but powerful!)

Acts (It's long, but absolutely amazing and definitely worth the read!!!)

Aesop's Fables by Aesop (Choose at least 8 fables to read and focus on – or more if you find yourself really caught up in the stories!)

The Adventures of Ulysses by Bernard Evslin

Any of the Chronicles of Narnia series by C. S. Lewis

Biography

Choose a world leader (political or religious). He or she may be living or deceased. This should be a book, not a magazine or Internet site.

**Feel like reading more than one book from each genre or topic?!?! We would highly encourage that! If you want to turn in more than the required amount of work, please feel free. Extra credit points will be offered for additional work that is well done and can be used on Literature tests during the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Up to three additional forms can be turned in for extra credit. All extra credit will still be due at the same time as the required work.*

***Need or want more help with your summer reading? Check out the Summer Reading Summer Camp! It's a weeklong opportunity to read, work on the forms, and ask questions! This will be offered at least twice during summer break by Mrs. Grant.*

Prince of Peace Christian School
Summer Reading 2008
Grade 7

Dear Seventh Graders:

I am so excited about this year's Summer Reading Program. I have added some of my very favorite books to the list as well as some new and exciting options for you to consider while making your choices of the books you will be asked to read. There is nothing better than getting lost in a new adventure than through reading.

The format is similar to the one you used last year. For those who are new to Prince of Peace, please read through this letter carefully.

All students are required to read *Old Yeller* as your required reading option. Then, you need to choose two additional books from the list provided. After you have read your books, you will need to complete the one page book summary sheet. You can print copies of this off of the School Website by using the link to Summer Reading. These one page summaries will be turned the Friday of the first week of school.

Should you have any questions about the summer reading program, you may contact me at 972-447-9887 ext 255. I have limited summer hours but will be happy to contact you as soon as I receive your call. You may also contact me by email at Meredith.Arltdt@princeofpeace.org. I will be checking email from home regularly over the summer and will email you promptly.

Have a blessed and adventurous summer~

Meredith Arldt
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Prince of Peace Christian School

7th Grade
SUMMER READING OPTIONS

Please select two books to read in addition to *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson:

GENRE

Historical Fiction:

Piper's Ferry by G. Clifton Wisler
The Boy in the Alamo by Margaret Cousins
Of Courage Undaunted by James Daugherty
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Action/Adventure:

The Call of the Wild or
White Fang by Jack London
The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

Fantasy:

The Dark Rising by Susan Cooper
One of the Chronicles of Narnia Series by
C.S. Lewis

Biography/Autobiography:

A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett
by Himself
Jim Bowie: Frontier Legend, Alamo Hero
by J.R. Edmondson
Stephen F. Austin: And the Founding of Texas
by James Haley
Sam Houston: For Texas and the Union
by Walter M. Woodward
*We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the
Holocaust*
Job
Esther
Ruth

Prince of Peace Christian School
Summer Reading 2009
Grade 8

Dear Incoming Eighth Graders:

As part of the summer reading program, you will be required to read three books during your summer break. One of your selections must be *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. That novel is the only “must read” of the three required texts. You will have considerable flexibility with the other two. In fact, you may select two books from the variety of options listed on the attachment. Keep in mind, however, that each of the two selections must come from a different genre. For example, you may choose one historical fiction book and one mystery book, but you may not select two historical fiction novels.

In an effort to place greater emphasis on reading, the written component of the summer reading assignment has been considerably streamlined without being diluted in any way. A “One Pager” must be completed for each of the three summer selections. (A “Sample One Pager” will be available for your reference.) These assignments will be due the first day of school.

Please keep in mind that all students are encouraged to read more than the required number of books. Additional books may come from the suggested list or be of your own choosing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions regarding the summer reading program.

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8th Grade
SUMMER READING OPTIONS

Please select two books to read in addition to *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway:

GENRE

Historical Fiction:

White Lilacs by Carolyn Meyer
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Black Duck by Janet Taylor Lisle
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Mystery:

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Non-Fiction (Biography/Autobiography and History):

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy
Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice by Peter Nelson
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
(also, any of the sequels)
