

Skycrest Christian School

Middle School Summer Reading

2009

All middle school students must read two books over the summer. Each grade has a required book to be read by everyone in the grade. Their second book should be chosen from the list provided for their grade. Students should be ready to discuss and be tested on the required book the first week of school. For your second book follow the directions for your grade to complete the assignment (listed below). Do not read a book that you have already quizzed on for Reading Counts. If we find that you have already quizzed on the book, then you will get a zero on the assignment.

6th Grade

Required for all incoming 6th graders: The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Pick one of the following books and write a one-page summary of the book. Your summary must be typed (12 font, times roman, and double spaced).

The Postcard by Tony Abbott

Brenden Buckley's Universe and Everything In It by Sundee T. Frazier

Go Big or Go Home by Will Hobbs

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E.L. Konigsburg

Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp by Rick Yancey

Airball: My Life in Briefs by Lisa Harkrader

Elephant Run by Roland Smith

The Missing Manatee by Cynthia DeFelice

Into the Wild by Sarah Beth Durst

Schooled by Gordon Korman

Scat by Carl Hiassen

Any book from one of the approved series on the next page

7th Grade

Required for all incoming 7th graders: Peak by Roland Smith

Pick one of the following books, and after finishing the book answer the questions on the worksheet attached and turn it in on the first day of school.

Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

The Trials of Katie Hope by Wick Downing

Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Wing Nut by Mary Jane Auch
Airball: My Life in Briefs by Lisa Harkrader
Elephant Run by Roland Smith
Into the Wild by Sarah Beth Durst
Adam Canfield of the Slash by Michael Winerip
The Schwa Was Here by Neil Schusterman
Any book from one of the approved series on the next page.

8th Grade

Required for all incoming 8th graders: Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Pick one of the following books and write a one-page summary of the book. After finishing the book, fill out the worksheet attached and turn it in on the first day of school.

When My Name was Keoko by Linda Sue Park
A Girl Named Disaster by Nancy Farmer
Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl by John Feinstein
Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata
Into the Wild by Sarah Beth Durst
Adam Canfield of the Slash by Michael Winerip
Wing Nut by Mary Jane Auch
Antsy Does Time by Neil Schusterman
Any book from one of the approved series below.

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders may read any book from the following series:

Alex Rider Series
City of Ember Series
Kingdom Keepers I or II
Artemis Fowl Series
Clique Series
Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series
Mysterious Benedict Society I or II
Secrets of my Hollywood Life Series
Under the Blood-Red Sun/ House of the Red Fish / Eyes of the Emperor
Crispin: the Cross of the Lead or Crispin: At the Edge of the World
Any book by Mike Lupica (does not include “Comeback Kid” series)

Summer Reading Worksheet

7th and 8th Grade

Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. This assignment is due on the first day of school.

Part 1 – Vocabulary

Find ten new vocabulary words from your book. Find the definitions for these words and write them down along with the page number where the word is found in your book.

Example:

Antagonize (p. 49) = to arouse hostility in □ □ □

Part 2 – Literary Elements

1. Create a detailed plot pyramid for the story.
2. Describe the setting of the story.
3. Identify the conflict in the story and how it is resolved, if it is resolved.
4. Who are the antagonist and protagonist in the story?
5. Describe the main character of the story. Include at least five characteristics and explain what you like most about them and what you like least about them.
6. What do you think is a theme or lesson from the story? Use examples from the story to explain your answer. (your answer should be at least a paragraph 5-7 sentences)