



Middle School Summer Reading Assignments *The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle*

All students must complete a Summer Reading Assignment, which will be due on the first day of classes in the fall. The summer reading grade will contribute significantly for the first quarter. Assignments for rising 6th graders can be found below.

Rising Grade 6

Much of the first few days of classes will be devoted to group discussions, presentations, in-class writing assignments, and games based on the summer reading books. Although no book reports or essays need to be written before school begins, students need to be ready to do the work by reading the books. It is very fruitful for parents to read the books with their child (aloud together or separately).

Required: *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate Di Camillo

Pick one from the list below:

- Peter Pan by James Barrie
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate Di Camillo
- Frindle by Andrew Clements



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Rising Grade 7

Required: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacios

Pick one from the list below:

- The Adventures of Robin Hood by Roger Lancelyn Green
- The Princess and the Goblin by George Macdonald
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Crash by Jerry Spinelli
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

On the second or third day of English class, students will write an in-class summer reading essay in response to a prompt (which will not be communicated ahead of time). The essay will be graded and counted as part of first quarter grades.

To successfully answer the essay prompt, the student will need to have a general understanding of the two books, be able to recall pertinent details, and have a grasp of important themes. The best way to prepare for this assessment is to attentively read the three books and review them prior to the first day of school.



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Rising Grade 8

Required: *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey

Pick one from the list below:

- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo
- Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
- The Witches by Roald Dahl
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J. K. Rowling
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Crossover by Kwame Alexander

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