

SUMMER NOVEL READING GUIDELINES

Students promoted to grades 4th - 6th grades are required to read **one (1)** book from the Summer Reading List.

During the first week of school, SHE students in the 4th-6th grades are assessed by a writing evaluation. 5th and 6th graders are also administered a teacher made test/quiz.

All assessments address "Elements of Fiction"; thus, as they read their chosen novel, students are strongly encouraged to take notes as they have with classroom reading assignments. Student readers may write IN their novels and/or use a reader's journal to note what they've read each reading session. A reader notes **setting, characters, plot, conflict, point of view, symbolism and theme/lesson** as well as **vocabulary**.

*During testing, the student refers to both the marked up (for example, ink, pencil, highlighter, post-it notes) novel and the reader's journal as long as the notes are in **his own handwriting**.

Sacred Heart 4th-6th grade Summer Reading List 2023



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The writing assignments assess by rubric the grammar skills, composition organization and development appropriate for the grade level. The student writer is required to create a thinking map typical of those used in ELA courses.

4th and 5th graders complete an illustrated book report project addressing elements of literature and other teachers' requirements as listed on the rubric.

6th graders write a character analysis focusing on character (personality) attributes and providing evidence, examples, details from the novel itself.

4th GRADE READING CHOICES

Student chooses one (1)

The PS Brothers

By Maribeth Boelts

L: 810

Shawn and Russell, two underprivileged boys, want, more than anything, a dog, a tough one who will protect them and keep them safe. The two are creative in their money-earning and find themselves dealing with obstacles they hadn't considered. Parts of the novel, however, are hilarious and fun to read.

Rikki Tikki Tavi

By Rudyard Kipling

L: 800

Here is the thrilling story of Rikki, the fearless mongoose, suddenly locked in a life-and-death struggle to protect the boy and his parents from Nag and Nagaina, the two enormous cobras.

Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing

By Judy Blume

L: 470

Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. He is an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?

5th GRADE READING CHOICES

Student chooses one (1)

The Book of Elsewhere: The Shadows

By Jaqueline West

L: 770

Eleven year old Olive and her dippy mathematician parents move into an old mansion; something is immediately odd about the place and it isn't just that the walls are covered in strange antique paintings. When Olive finds an old pair of glasses, she discovers she can travel through the paintings to another world. Yet, Elsewhere has secrets.

The One and Only Ivan

By Katherine Applegate

L: 570

In the Newberry winner, Ivan, an easygoing gorilla living in a mall, has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass and he rarely thinks about life in the jungle. . . until he meets baby elephant Ruby. With Ruby come changes, and it's up to Ivan to see to it that the changes are for the better.

6th GRADE READING CHOICES

Student chooses one (1)

Hatchet

By Gary Paulsen

L: 1020

Stranded in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a hatchet and the clothes on his back, city boy Brian struggles to survive for the next two months. The ordeal forces Brian to reevaluate our twentieth-century civilization ways. Does he change his perspective?

Island of the Blue Dolphins

By Scott O'Dell

L: 1000

Karana, an Indian girl, lives alone for years on the island. Year after year, she watches one season pass into another as she waits for a ship to take her away. Meanwhile she's busy building shelter, fashioning weapons, foraging for food, and fighting her enemies--wild dogs. It is not only an unusual adventure, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.