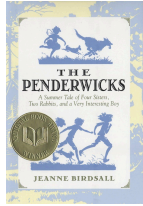
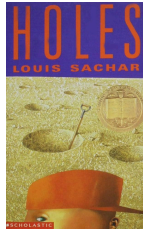


Blessed Sacrament School 5th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Students,

This summer every fifth grade student is required to read two wonderful novels. They are:

	<i>The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy</i> by Jeanne Birdsall
	<i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar

I have chosen these award winning books for several reasons: interesting characters, exciting plots, and talented authors. It is mandatory to read both books because the material from these novels will be used for many language arts lessons throughout the year. I will use the plots, characters, and vocabulary to create writing, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary activities.

Please keep notes on the books. Focus on main characters and major events. If you purchase the books, a great way to take notes is writing right in the margins of the pages or using sticky notes. Also, if you own the books, bring them with you on the first day of school. Be prepared for a test on the major characters and events. (I'll allow you to use your notes because I realize if you finish reading a book in June, it's hard to remember some details in September!)

I hope you enjoy each of these novels as much as I do. Have a wonderful fun filled summer, and get ready for several fun creative projects awaiting you in September. If you are looking for additional summer reading, check on Mrs. Ferguson's suggestions on the school website. I look forward to working with you!

Enjoy,

Ms. Jacksina