

## Summer Reading Program – Incoming Grade 6

Participation of the Summer Reading Program is mandatory for all students entering grades 1 through 8.

Care has been taken to ensure that the expectations for each grade level are appropriate for students entering that grade. The selection of books below covers a range of genres and should appeal to all literary tastes.

Please assist your child in the selection of reading. My requirements for the summer book projects are listed below. There are two books in total, one mandatory title and one that is selected from a provided list of titles.

1. Mandatory book for everyone:

***Saint Helena and the True Cross*** by Louis de Wohl

**Activity:**

After reading *Saint Helena and the True Cross*, complete the attached worksheet. Bring your book to class on the first day of school. We will begin our Literature program discussing this book. A quiz will be given after the completion of classroom activities and discussion.

2. Choose and read any one (1) of the following books:

***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen

***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

***Stealing Freedom*** by Elise Carbone

***Twenty and Ten*** by Claire Huchet Bishop

***The Lost Years of Merlin*** by T. A. Barron

***Crash*** by Jerry Spinnelli

***Shakespeare's Secret*** by Elise Broach

**Activity:**

Upon completion of your chosen book from the above list you will create an original book jacket. Follow the directions below.

- a. Fold a plain piece of white paper/white construction paper in half like a book.

**b.** Design a cover for the book. It should include a picture, a title, and the author's name. (Be creative – it should not be a copy of the cover of the book.) This section is part of your grade.

**c.** On the inside left, write a summary of the book. **It should be typed and neatly pasted onto the book jacket.** The summary should include:

- Main characters
- Setting- The where and when of the story takes place.
- Plot- A summary of events that take place in the story

**d.** On the inside right, write a short biography of the author. Use the internet for this. Don't simply copy the biography from the book. 1-2 paragraphs, containing six to ten sentences. **It should be typed and neatly pasted onto the book jacket.**

**e.** On the back cover, write a review of the book. The review should include the title and author of the book, the reviewer's (your) name, and whether or not you would recommend the book to other readers. Include why or why not – This should be one paragraph of six to ten sentences. **It should be typed and neatly pasted onto the book jacket.**

When this is all said in done, all four parts of your folded paper will have writing or art on them. Work hard on your book covers. They will be displayed when we get back to school. I hope you all have a safe, wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the Fall!