

St. John's Episcopal School

6th Grade Summer Reading 2020

This summer you will read three (3) novels: the required reading novel, a novel from the suggested reading list, and a novel of your own choosing.

REQUIRED READING:

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

This novel will be discussed at the beginning of the school year, so I suggest you read it in August so it is fresh in your mind. **Please answer the Required Reading Questions on the attached form and bring it on the first day of school.**

You must complete a reading log of the three books read this summer, which your parents will initial. The list should include titles, authors, and dates when reading began and ended for each book. Titles enjoyed that are beyond the summer reading requirements should be added to the log as well. **In addition to the Required Reading Questions form, you will turn this log in on the first day of school.**

Read, read, read and enjoy your summer!

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SUGGESTED READING (you must choose one of these):

Benjamin, Ali. ***The Thing About Jellyfish***. 2015.

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

Choldenko, Gennifer. ***Al Capone Does My Shirts***. 2004.

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Gemeinhart, Dan. ***The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise***. 2019.

Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.

Gibbs, Stuart. ***Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation***. 2019.

The CIA forces twelve-year-old Charlotte "Charlie" Thorne, a rebellious genius, to use her code-breaking skills on an epic global chase to locate Einstein's last equation before dangerous agents discover it and unlock the solution to harnessing energy.

Gratz, Alan. ***Allies***. 2019.

It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter (true name Dietrich Zimmermann), an underage private in the United States Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle, who was arrested by Nazis when Dee was a little boy; meanwhile, Samira Zidano, an eleven-year old French-Algerian girl is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother--this is the most important day of the twentieth century, and both children want to fight, and survive.

Hale, Shannon. ***Princess Academy***. 2005.

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Hoose, Phillip. ***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club***. 2015.

The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion during World War II.

Jamieson, Victoria. ***When Stars are Scattered***. 2020.

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this remarkable graphic novel based on a true story.

Lowry, Lois. ***On the Horizon***. 2020.

Lois Lowry looks back at history through a personal lens as she draws from her own memories as a child in Hawaii and Japan, as well as from historical research, in this stunning work in verse that tells the story of people whose lives were lost or forever altered by the twin tragedies of Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima.

Magoon, Kekla. ***The Season of Styx Malone***. 2018.

Caleb and Bobby Gene are ready for a summer of adventure, but accidentally trading their baby sister for a bag of fireworks may have taken things too far. Enter Styx Malone. He's older, wiser, and has the perfect plan for how to turn those fireworks into something even better.

Messner, Kate. ***Breakout***. 2018.

Nora, a budding reporter, is excited to spend her summer working on the town time capsule, but when two inmates escape from the prison in her town, the project changes dramatically. Elidee is new to Wolf Creek and doesn't really care about the time capsule, but the more time Nora and Elidee spend together, the more Nora realizes her town is not as welcoming as she thought, especially to someone with brown skin like Elidee.

Murphy, Julie. ***Dear Sweet Pea***. 2019.

Sweet Pea is shocked when her parents get divorced. Not only does she have to figure out how to live in two different houses, the rest of her life is full unexpected twists. When her eccentric next-door neighbor suddenly goes out of town, Sweet Pea becomes an unlikely advice columnist for the local paper, answering readers' letters. What she decides to do with one of the letters sets off a chain of events that will forever change many lives.

Reynolds, Jason. ***Ghost***. 2016.

Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Shusterman, Neal. ***Everlost***. 2006.

When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where, although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.

Warga, Jasmine. ***Other Words for Home***. 2019.

When the Syrian conflict spreads to Jude's town, she and her mother must leave her father and brother to live in Ohio with relatives. At first, America is loud and foreign, and Jude struggles to make friends. Some people even mock her religion and call her names. Will this new life ever feel like home?

St. John's Summer Reading **Required Book** Questions

Name: _____

Novel: _____

Please provide as much detailed information as possible about the **required novel** using complete sentences. Return this sheet (along with your signed reading log) to your English teacher on the first day of school.

Describe the **setting**.

Briefly summarize the **plot**.

Identify and describe the **main characters**.

Describe the main **conflict** or **problem** in the novel as well as the **resolution** or **solution**.

Would you recommend this book? **Using specific examples from the book explain, why or why not.**

Middle School Summer Reading Log

Take to school on the first day!

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