

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL
READING/LITERATURE FOR GRADES 6-8

SY 2017-2018 Summer Reading List

Each incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grader is expected to read 2 books during summer break.

One of the books is **required reading** for the entire class.

The 2nd book is the student's choice from the **list of suggested books**.

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, we will review the required book and students will take a test at the conclusion of our review. There is no project for the required reading.

However, each student should select **one** project for the 2nd book they choose. The project is due by grade level as follows:

8th Grade – Thursday, August 24, 2017

7th Grade – Thursday, August 31, 2017

6th Grade – Thursday, September 7, 2017

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8th Grade Required Reading

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

8th Grade Suggested Reading

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre

Call of the Wild by Jack London

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Midsummer's Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Night by Elie Wiesel

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

8th Grade Project

1. Select a book report container (i.e.) manila folder/envelope, can, box, etc. Decorate the container to convey some of the major details, elements, or themes found in the book. In your container, include:

Questions - Write 10 questions based on the book.

Vocabulary - Create a 10 word glossary of unfamiliar words from the book.

Things - Include 5 things that have a connection to the story.

2. Create a sculpture of a character using soap, wood, clay, sticks, wire, stones, etc. Summarize the story and explain the character's role.

3. Design/make your own T-shirt depicting a scene from the book. Be ready to explain why you chose the scene and the significance to the story.

4. Create a game based on the book. It should include characters, setting, and plot.

5. Take a piece of white computer paper. Fold the paper in half and then half again, to create 4 boxes of equal size. Cut the paper in half along one of the folds, slip one piece of the paper inside the other and staple the fold to create a book.

Finished book

-Cover (you design)

-Title and author page

-Picture of favorite part of book and explanation telling why it's your favorite part

-Five important vocabulary words and definitions from the book

-Back cover (teaser paragraph) to entice other readers

Project Due Date: 8th Grade – Thursday, August 24, 2017

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8th Grade Summer Project Rubric

The objective of your Summer Reading project is for you to demonstrate an understanding of the novel you selected using ideas and details in a neat and organized manner. The content of your finished project should fit well with the book you selected.'

Project #1 Book Report with Container

Name 5 _____
 Book Title 5 _____
 Organization 60 _____
 10 Questions
 10 Vocabulary Words definitions
 5 items connecting to the story
 Oral Presentation 30 _____

Project #4 Game

Name 5 _____
 Book Title 5 _____
 Organization/Creativity 60 _____
 Characters
 Settings
 Plot
 Oral Presentation 30 _____

Project #2 Sculpture

Name 5 _____
 Book Title 5 _____
 Creativity/Organization 60 _____
 Role/Connection
 Explanation/Summary
 Character Depiction
 Oral Presentation 30 _____

Project #5 Book

Name 5 _____
 Title/Author Page 5 _____
 Favorite Part of Book 10 _____
 Explanation 40 _____
 Back Cover with teaser 10 _____
 Oral Presentation 30 _____

Project #3 T-Shirt

Name 5 _____
 Book Title 5 _____
 Creativity/Organization
 Novel/Book Scene 60 _____

 Oral Presentation 30 _____