



St. Pius X Catholic School Middle School Summer Reading

Fostering a love of reading has many rewards! As your children assemble next year as the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes of St. Pius X Catholic School, we will join in the common purpose of growing in knowledge and faith through the love of books! So, throughout the summer, let us be connected through books in the magnificent world of reading.

As rising 6th, 7th, & 8th graders, there will be two parts to summer reading:

- **READ:** Over the summer students will read two books: one **classic** from the attached reading list and one **biography or autobiography** of their choice. (Students are encouraged to choose a biography or autobiography of a saint or other inspirational person who has made a contribution to society.) Please make sure the biography is a full book about the person and not one selection within a collection of biographies. Students should record the books they read on the attached reading log, which will be due the first day of school, August 18, 2021. Reading logs will be used toward the grade on an in-class literature project.
- **WRITE:** Students will keep a composition notebook during the summer where they will write journal entries reflecting on the books they are reading. Each student will set up their composition notebook with choices of reflection questions before leaving for summer break. These notebooks are due on August 18, 2021 with a minimum of total 8 entries (a minimum of 4 entries per book).
- **PARTICIPATE:** During the first weeks of school, students will complete an in-class literature project focusing on their journal reflections from at least one of their chosen books.

We hope this requirement will encourage your child to continue reading over the summer. If you have any questions about the assignment over the summer, please contact Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Christensen, or Mrs. Ray.

Middle School Literacy Teachers

Classics List

- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne
- *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
- *Island of the Blue Dolphin* by Scott O'Dell
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- *Story of My Life* by Helen Keller
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Name _____

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6th - 8th Grade Summer Reading Log

Book #	Name of Book	Author	Number of Pages
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Parent Signature
