



Dear Parents and Students,

Summertime is a great time to kick back and relax with a good book. Reading is an activity that can be done anywhere-- in the car, plane, rocking in a hammock, or sunning at the beach. Each student will read 2 books. Please note the grade level requirements.

Incoming sixth graders- Select two titles from the following list:

K. DiCamillo: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*; *The Tale of Despereaux*;
Because of Winn Dixie

C. S. Lewis: *The Chronicles of Narnia* (series)

E. B. White: *Charlotte's Web*; *The Trumpet of the Swan*

R. Riordan: *Percy Jackson*; *Trials of Apollo*; *Magnus Chase*; *The Kane Chronicles* (series)

M. Christopher: *The Kid Who Only Hit Homers* (and all titles by author)

Incoming seventh graders- Select two titles from the following list:

Under the Same Sky by Cynthia DeFelice

Notes from a Liar and Her Dog by Gennifer Choldenko

Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff

Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs

Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key

Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach by Brenda Woods

The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Incoming eighth graders- Choose one book based on personal interest from your library or book store. In other words, one book is whatever YOU want it to be.

Then, select one true-story title from the following list:

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Piece by Piece by David Aguilar and Ferran Aguilar

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian Football Team by Steve Sheinkin

Once a book is read, your child is asked to complete the attached book report form either by writing directly on it or by typing it into a Google Docs. A copy of the form is available on the St. Rita School website that may be downloaded at home. Book reports will be collected on the first day of school and count as the first literature grade of the year.

Enjoy your summer, and happy reading!

Mrs. Rourke