Christ Classical Academy

Rising 5th-8th Grade Required Summer Reading Lists and Assignment

Students must choose a book from their rising grade level (or one grade level above) to read, complete the appropriate book report form*, and submit it to their Language Arts Teacher on the first day of school. ***Please be sure to select a novel that the student has not read previously.***

It is *mandatory* that your child read at least one book from the pertinent list. The book selected should be one that the student can read independently or with little assistance from parents. Most of these books are available in print and/or electronic versions are available through the public library system. If a student cannot find a book that he/she would like to read, and does not want to purchase it, he/she should ask the Language Arts Teacher, if there are any copies available for loan.

Although these books are recommended highly by various sources, we recommend that parents participate in your child's summer reading because there may be some issues within a given book that you may deem unsuitable for your child. One source for summaries and reviews is www.amazon.com.

Rising 5th Graders			
Sounder, William H. Armstrong	*Caddie Woodlawn,* Carol Ryrie Brink	*A Little Princess* or *The Secret Garden,* Frances Hodgson Burnett	*The Door in the Wall,* Marguerite de Angeli
Dear America, Novel Series, Various Authors	*Elsie Dinsmore,* Novel series, Martha Finley	*King of the Wind,* Marguerite Henry	*Sugar Creek Gang,* Novel Series, Paul Hutchens
The Phantom Tollbooth, Norton Juster	*Chronicles of Narnia,* Novel Series, C. S. Lewis	*Sarah Bishop,* Scott O' Dell	

***The appropriate form (i.e., Fiction or Non-Fiction) may be found on the CCA website: www.cca4god.org**

Rising 6th Graders			
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott	*The Incredible Journey,* Sheila Burnford	*Summer of the Swans,* Betsy Byars	Any G. A. Henty novel, except *The Cat of Bubastes*
I Am David (a.k.a. *North to Freedom*), Anne Holm	*Chronicles of Narnia,* Novel Series, C. S. Lewis	*The Pushcart Wars,* Jean Merrill	*Classics for Girls,* Novel Series, Janette Oke
Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson	*Brian's Winter,* Gary Paulsen	*Holes,* Louis Sachar	

Rising 7th Graders			
Watership Down, Richard Adams	*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle,* Avi	*Where the Lilies Bloom,* Bill & Vera Cleaver	*Bud, not Buddy,* Christopher Paul Curtis
The Slave Dancer, Paula Fox	*The Diary of a Young Girl* (a.k.a. *The Diary of Anne Frank*), Anne Frank	Any G. A. Henty novel, except *The Cat of Bubastes*	*Out of the Dust,* Karen Hesse
Chronicles of Narnia, Novel Series, C. S. Lewis	Any from *Redwall,* Novel Series, Brian Jacques	*Rifles for Watie,* Harold Keith	*A Wrinkle in Time,* Madeleine L' Engle
Classics for Girls, Novel Series, Janette Oke	*Treasure Island,* Robert Louis Stephenson	*Lord of the Rings,* Novel Series, J. R. R. Tolkien	

Rising 8th Graders			
Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech	*Joni,* Joni Eareckson (with Joe Musser)	*All Creatures Great and Small,* James Herriot	Any from *Redwall,* Novel Series, Brian Jacques
The Mitford Years, Novel Series, Jan Karon	*Last of the Breed,* Louis L' Amour	*Chronicles of Narnia,* Novel Series, C. S. Lewis	*The Space Trilogy,* Novel Series, C. S. Lewis
The White Fang, Jack London	*The Giver,* Lois Lowry	*Christy,* Catherine Marshall	*Love Comes Softly,* Janette Oke
A Single Shard, Linda Sue Park	*Lord of the Rings,* Novel Series, J. R. R. Tolkien	*Homecoming,* Cynthia Voigt	

Rising 5th -8th Grade Summer Reading Book Report

(Due on the First Day of School)

Student's Name: _____ **Date Finished Reading:**_____

Title of Book: _____

Please list five new words that you found in the book.

word	**page found**	**meaning**
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Conclusion:_____

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I have completely read this book. This is the first time I have read it. _____ Yes _____ No

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____