

Frederick Classical Charter School

Suggested Summer Reading Assignments for Students Entering Seventh and Eighth Grades



Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.
-Mortimer Adler

We encourage each family to make reading an integral part of your summer activities. Children should read good books that cultivate his or her affections and promote a love of learning. Have thoughtful questions ready to spur discussions about the book. Read portions of the book with your child. Have your child choose interesting passages to read to the rest of the family.

The Reading List below is meant to provide **suggestions** for summer book selections for children and parents of children who will be entering Seventh Grade or Eighth Grade in Fall of 2017. Assignments will be shared the first week of school.

| | Suggested Books | Reading Assignment 7 th and 8 th Grades | | | | | |
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| 7th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Seawolf by Jack London - Black Arrow by Robert Louis Stevenson -Last of the Mohicans by J. F. Cooper -The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain -The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling -Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia by Margaret Cousins -I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth de Trevino -The Double Life of Pocahontas by Jean Fritz -Why Not, Lafayette? by Jean Fritz -Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson -War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells -Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates -A Gathering of Days by Joan W. Blos -Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving -The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving -Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt -The Three Musketeers by Alexander Dumas -The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson -Collection of Stories by E. A. Poe | <p>Students will read for 50 minutes each day.</p> <p>Select 3 assignments from the choice board below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <p>1. Create a timeline of the plot using ten or more main events from the text—beginning, middle, and end. All events on the timeline must be written in complete sentences.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <p>2. Analyze five important quotes from the book. Draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper. Write the quotes on one side and on the other side comment on and analyze what the quotes mean and why they are important.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <p>3. Create an award for each of the main characters based on their actions in the novel. For example, one might be awarded “Most Courageous” for his/her brave acts. For each award, write a paragraph that explains why this character deserves this award.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <p>4. Write five diary entries from the perspective of one character from your book. Reflect on the events that happened during the story from the character’s perspective. How was the character affected and why?</p> </td> </tr> </table> | | <p>1. Create a timeline of the plot using ten or more main events from the text—beginning, middle, and end. All events on the timeline must be written in complete sentences.</p> | <p>2. Analyze five important quotes from the book. Draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper. Write the quotes on one side and on the other side comment on and analyze what the quotes mean and why they are important.</p> | <p>3. Create an award for each of the main characters based on their actions in the novel. For example, one might be awarded “Most Courageous” for his/her brave acts. For each award, write a paragraph that explains why this character deserves this award.</p> | <p>4. Write five diary entries from the perspective of one character from your book. Reflect on the events that happened during the story from the character’s perspective. How was the character affected and why?</p> |
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| 8th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frankenstein by Mary Shelley -The Two Towers by J. R. R. Tolkien -Wingfeather Saga (4 books in all) by Andrew Peterson -Historical fiction set in American/Modern World: By Right of Conquest, With Lee in Virginia, With Wolf in Canada, The Dash for Kartoum, Facing Death, In the Reign of Terror by G. A. Henty - The Scarlet Pimpernel by Emmuska Orczy -The Yearling by Marjorie Rawlings -Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges -The Candy Bomber by Michael Tunnell -Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen -The Raft by Stephanie Bodeen -The Door in the Wall by Marguerite deAngeli -Little Women by Louisa May Alcott -Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar by Shakespeare -The Pearl by John Steinbeck | <p>I completed numbers _____, _____, and _____.</p> <p>Parent Signature: _____</p> | | | | | |