

SUMMER READING

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Now that the school year is ending and summer is about to begin, we look forward to the opportunity to read magnificent books! All of Leewood's incoming sixth and seventh grade students will be required to read TWO books this summer, as well as complete a creative book project for EACH novel.

The reading projects will be due upon the start of the school year, and will be taken for a grade. Students who do not complete the book reports will receive two Zeros on the assignments. Books can be purchased at the following location or borrowed from a public library:

Barnes & Noble

Kendall Village West
12405 N Kendall Drive
Miami, FL 33186
305-598-7727

Sixth Grade Reading List

Please pick two of the following books to read.

Code Orange by Caroline B. Cooney - While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Mick Harte Was Here by Barbara Park - A young girl copes with the death of her brother in a bike accident.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi - As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.

The Secret of Sarah Revere by Ann Rinaldi- Paul Revere's daughter describes her father's "rides" and the intelligence network of the patriot community prior to the American Revolution.

Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson- Sibling rivalry divides twin sisters living on an island in Chesapeake Bay.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George- Written in the form of a diary, this story relates the days of a young boy in the Catskill Mountains.

Summer Reading Projects

Students must pick a project from the following list for each of the two books they have read during the summer. Students must pick two different projects. Remember to do your best since both projects will be graded!

- Interview - Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. Then put yourself in the character's shoes in order to write the answers to the questions.
- Scrapbook - Create a scrapbook that highlights the main points of the book. You can create the scrapbook from the main character's point of view. Each page should have at least one picture and a paragraph explanation of why this illustration or photograph is significant to the story. Your scrapbook should be at least 5 pages.
- Newspaper - Create a newspaper for your book. Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial and three ads that would be pertinent to the story.
- Collage – Create a collage of your book using drawings, cut outs, words, etc. that represents the overall theme of your book. Include at least three direct quotes with page numbers from the book that support the theme and that are reflected in the collage. The collage must be at least 8x10 in size and should be completely filled. No white spaces!
- Song or Poetic Response-Locate song lyrics or a poem that represents a significant aspect of your book such as the theme or a major conflict. Print out the song lyrics or poem and include an explanation of how it represents the book. Your explanation should be at least one page long.
- Book Jacket – Create your own unique book jacket for your book. Change the title of your book if you wish! If you feel that you can come up with a better title that represents the book, write this new title on the jacket cover. Write the real title underneath. Include the author's name, your name, and an illustration on the front cover. Write a three paragraph summary of the book for the back of the jacket. The summary needs to include at least three direct quotes from the book with page numbers. The summary should contain the characters, setting, plot, conflict, and resolution of the novel. Include a positive critical review on the back of the book jacket.
- Diary – Create a diary for the main character of your book. The entries should be from the character's point-of-view and should cover the significant problem and resolution the character faces in the story. Each entry should be at least one paragraph, and you must write a minimum of five entries. Be sure to include realistic dates at the top of each page.

Seventh Grade Reading List

Please pick two of the following books to read.

A Girl Named Disaster by Nancy Farmer - While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits. d Disaster by Nancy

The Hobbit by John Ronald Reuel Tolkien - This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

Strays Like Us by Richard Peck - When her drug-addict mother can no longer care for her, twelve-year-old Molly comes to stay with her great-aunt, and slowly begins to realize that others in the small town also feel as if they don't belong.

Twisted Summer by Willo Davis Roberts - Fourteen-year-old Cici hopes for a romantic summer at the beach but instead finds herself trying to solve a murder which had occurred there the previous year.

Crash by Jerry Spinelli - Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan is comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with a Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

Nothing but the Truth by Avi - A ninth-grader's suspension for humming "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

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