



Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading

Summer vacation is here! While you are outside enjoying the sunshine and warm temperatures, take some time to relax and enjoy a good book. Reading is an enjoyable way to relax “poolside” or it can also be a relaxing activity to end a busy summer day.

Summer reading is a vital component of the Good Shepherd Academy Middle States’ strategic plan. Reading assignments for students entering grades seven and eight are mandatory. Every student is required to (2) two books this summer.

One selection for the incoming 8th grade MUST be *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, the second selection may be chosen from the list below. Make sure you take notes while you read, and be prepared for a test and an AR quiz on each book when you return to school. You will be permitted to use your reading notes during the test, so write down the important information about the characters, setting, sequence of events, and conclusion of each book. Please select books which you have not read, so that you will be able to take the AR quizzes for each selection. If you have already read and taken the AR quiz for *The Giver*, please read *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry as your mandatory book.

I am looking forward to a great 8th grade year in Literature. You will continue to experience the “World of Literature” and read selections which will take you to far places, make your imagination run wild, and increase your desire to read. Take some time this summer to enjoy the required novel and select a second book from the titles listed below. My suggestion is that you take a break in June, read one of the books in July, and the second selection in August. Don’t forget to take notes! I look forward to discussing the books with you in the new school year. Happy summer and above all...Happy Reading!

Love,

Mrs. Ruch

Incoming 8th Grade Reading Selections

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Every student is required to read this selection. I know there is a movie for this particular book, but it is much different than the novel. Please make sure that you read the book. The test in September will be on the selection, not the movie.

Select ONE additional title from the books listed below:

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Books in the *Narnia* Series (We have already read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)

The next book in the series is *Prince Caspian*

Books in the *Series of Unfortunate Events* Series by Lemony Snicket

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements