



Middle School Summer 2019 Reading List

The summer reading books may be purchased from the vendor of your choosing. All students must have their parents sign the **SJCS Summer Reading Log** (found on the last page of this list), indicating that the assigned reading was completed. The log is due to your child's English Teacher the first week of school. Students are encouraged to read as many books as possible. **All of these novels should be the unabridged version (the LONG version).**

Rising Sixth Graders

All rising 6th graders must read ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition*** by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. ISBN: 9780147510426

Also choose two books from the following list. Choices have to be from different genres. Be prepared to write a summary of each book in class during the first two weeks of school 2019.

HISTORICAL FICTION

I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

FANTASY

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

BIOGRAPHY

A Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei by Peter Sis

Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Little Britches by Ralph Moody

Story of My Life by Helen Keller

MYSTERY

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

The Hardy Boys (series) by Franklin W. Dixon

Nancy Drew (series) by Carolyn Keene

FICTION

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth Jr.

The Marvels by Brian Selznick

FAIRY TALE

The Barefoot Book of Princesses by Caitlin Matthews

The Shadowmaker by Ron Hansen

MYTHS

John Henry and American Legend by Ezra Jack Keats

Tales from Africa by Kathleen Arnott

NON-FICTION

Bushcraft: Outdoor Skills and Wilderness Survival by Mors Kochanski

Weather Forecasting by Gail Gibbons

POETRY

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson

Of Quarks, Quasars and other Quirks: Quizzical Poems for the Supersonic Age by Sara Brewton and John E. and J.B. Blackburn

ANIMAL STORIES

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

I Want to Be a Veterinarian by Stephanie Maze

Rising Seventh Graders

All rising 7th graders must read ***John Treegate's Musket*** by Leonard Wibberly.

All rising 7th graders are also required to read two other books of their choosing. The following is a list of appropriate grade level books but these are only suggestions. A completed reading log for the summer will be collected the first week of school and a writing assignment will be given related to students' reading.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Fantastic Voyage by Isaac Asimov

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Shane by Jack Schaefer

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Call of the Wild or ***White Fang*** by Jack London

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

Jim Thorpe, Original All American by Joseph Bruchac

Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling

Hittite Warrior by Joanne Williamson

The Winged Watchman by Hilda Van Stockum

Misty of Chincoteague & Mustang, Wild Spirit of the West by Marguerite Henry

Peter Treegate's War by Leonard Wibberly or any of the series

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Rising Eighth Graders

All rising 8th graders must read: ***Six Great Sherlock Holmes Stories***, 9780486270555, Dover Thrift Edition or the following stories in their **unabridged** format:

A Scandal in Bohemia, The Red-Headed League, The Adventure of the Speckled Band, The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb, The Final Problem, and The Adventure of the Empty House.

All rising 8th graders are also required to read two other books of their choosing. The following is a list of appropriate grade level books, but these are only suggestions. A completed reading list for the summer will be collected the first week of school for a completion grade and a writing assignment will be given related to their reading.

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest Gaines
Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling
The Adventures of Robin Hood by Roger Lancelyn Green
Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain (autobiography)
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
The Story of My Life by Helen Keller (autobiography)
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Captain Blood by Rafael Sabatini
Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson
Hiroshima by John Hersey (Nonfiction)
The Andromeda Strain by Michael Crichton
The Endless Steppe by Esther Hautzig (autobiography)
The Sea Wolf by Jack London
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank (autobiography)
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll
Out of the Silent Planet Trilogy by C.S. Lewis
Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien
Go Tell a Watchman by Harper Lee

Algebra 1B Summer Work

9781934210109, McGraw, MAT 6S Simple Solutions, Mathematics Intermediate B Student Edition, Bright Ideas Press, Llc., 2008 *This book was previously purchased for use in 6th and 7th grades.*

There are 2 choices, and the work will be worth one quiz grade.

1. Lessons 102-132 in the Simple Solutions book. You must show all work for the problems that require computation. Just one answer per box will not earn you full points.

OR

2. IXL 8th Grade Skills Lessons A.3, A.4, A.8, B.1, D.2, D.3, E.1, F.1 X.2, Y.1. You must work until you achieve at least 80% mastery on each lesson. Some lessons you may find easier than others. If you don't remember how to do something, give an educated guess. If you don't get it correct, scroll down and read the explanation. Then, try again.

Rising 8th graders who are new to St. Joseph's will be given alternative work at the start of the school year or they can email Elaine Trakas over the summer. Her email is etrakas@sjcatholicschool.org.



Middle School Summer Reading Log

Students should record the books that they read this summer.
This log should be turned into the student's literature teacher the first week of school.

Book	Author	Total Pages	Date Completed
GRADE LEVEL REQUIRED BOOK:			

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:
