Middle School Summer 2020 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 *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*. ISBN: 9780440406945

Also choose one other book from the following list. Be prepared to write a summary of the book in class during the first two weeks of school 2020.

**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 Amott

**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. ISBN: 9781521433386

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:


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

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 Trey Nickell over the summer to get set up in IXL. His email is tnickell@sjcatholicschool.org.

Summer Work-Mrs. Trakas

8th Grade Students
IXL 8th-Grade Skills Lessons B.4, D.1, D.3, E.2, E.5, F.2, F.4, F.5, H.1, & H.8. 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. The work will be one quiz grade when we begin school in August.

Algebra 1A Students
IXL Algebra 1 Skills Lessons B.6, B.7, I.3, I.4, I.5, I.7, I.8, O.1, Y.5, & Z.8. 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. The work will be one quiz grade when we begin school in August.
# 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.

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