

Literature Summer Reading 2017

Dear Parents,

Below you will find a list of books for the Literature portion of the Junior High Summer Reading program. Mrs. Cheek will also have a list of books and projects. Mrs. Lewis has copies of *Anne Frank the Diary of a Young Girl* and *A Wrinkle in Time* if students want to borrow them.

6th Grade

- *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

7th Grade

- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor

8th Grade

- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Anne Frank The Diary of a Young Girl*, or *The Nazi Hunters* by Neal Bascomb, or *Hidden Like Anne Frank* by Marcel Prins, or *The Boy on the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson. Select one of these four books about the Holocaust.
- The name of a god or goddess which you are assigned will be attached. Make a poster 22 x 14 inches which is half the size of a regular piece of poster board. It may be either horizontal or vertical. The poster should include the name and picture of the god or goddess, information about their life, at least 5 facts, and anything else you find interesting. Use lots of color. This poster will be used as a resource during the reading of *Ulysses*.

Summer Reading Sixth Grade

Maniac Magee

Mrs. Lewis

By Jerry Spinelli

The following projects are due the first day of school. All written elements must be typed in New Times Roman 14 pt. font and double spaced.

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

Maniac is always running. In the beginning of the story he runs away from his aunt and uncle. There are three other times he runs away in the story. Discuss these times and also what do you think makes Maniac run?

My Life in Dog Years

By Gary Paulsen

Select two of Gary Paulsen's dogs. Fill out a Venn diagram as an organizing tool. Each circle should have a least 5 entries with 3 in the common area.

Summer Reading Project Seventh Grade

Mrs. Lewis

The Cay

By Theodore Taylor

The following project is due the first day of school or it may be emailed to me at slewis@ckschool.com. All written elements must be typed in New Times Roman 14 pt. font and double spaced.

Phillip's Journal

We know that Phillip does not have a pencil or paper on the raft, but if he did, what kind of journal would he keep? Chapters 4, 5, and 6 tell the major events of the first four days on the raft. Write appropriate journal entries for these four days from Phillip's point of view. When writing the entries for days two, three and four, remember Phillip is blind. He would write about experiences based on sounds and feelings rather than on things being seen.

A Wrinkle in Time

By Madeleine L'Engle

After reading the book be prepared to **discuss** the following characters:

1. Meg Murray
2. Charles Wallace Murray
3. Mrs. Whatsit
4. Mrs. Which
5. Mrs. Who
6. Calvin O'Keefe
7. It

Summer Reading Eighth Grade

Mrs. Lewis

The Call of the Wild

By Jack London

Comparison Essay

Jack London used his literary skill to show the injustices done to Buck by comparing and contrasting his wonderful life before he was kidnapped and what happened to him after he was taken by Manuel. Write an essay comparing and contrasting the two different lives Buck was forced to lead.

The essay should follow this form.

- Begin by identifying the two environments being compared. Establish a purpose for the comparison.
- Establish the distinct nature of the two environments. Discuss the similarities and differences citing examples to support each statement.
- Conclude by summarizing the comparison.
- Essay typed in New Times Roman 14 pt. font and double spaced.

You may email this to me anytime during the summer at slewis@ckschool.com or bring it the first day of school.

Holocaust books

Be prepared to discuss and write about the book you chose to read about the Holocaust.