

Bethel Christian Academy

Summer Reading List

In an effort to keep our students well-read and building comprehension skills throughout the summer, we are instituting a required summer reading program. The following titles are available at your public library or bookstore.

Students entering grades 3 through 8 should complete a one page summary of the story and write about what they learned from the book. Grades 1 & 2 should draw a picture from the story and write only one or two paragraphs about the story. Students entering High school should complete a one page summary and a one page character analysis of three characters from each book. Also, high school students should write a 5 paragraph essay about one of the main themes from each book. Students should also include 20 new words and definitions from each book (Only 10 words and definitions per book for grades 1 and 2).

These reports are due to their teacher on the first day of school and will be a part of the first quarter's reading and English grades. Since the purpose of these assignments are to keep students learning throughout the summer, there will be no make-ups of these assignments once September comes.

1st grade: Choose 4 books from these titles and authors.

Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat, Green eggs and Ham, Put me in the Zoo or Fox in Socks.

Laura Numeroff: If you give a Pig a Pancake or If you Give a Mouse a Cookie.

David Shannon: No! David! or other David books

Bill Martin, Chicka-chicka- Boom Boom

Janice May Uldry: A Tree is Nice

Esphyr Slobodkina: Caps for Sale

Ludwig Bemelmans: Madeline

Virginia Lee Burton: The Little House

Crockett Johnson: Harold and the Purple Crayon

Ezra Jack Keats: The Snowy Day

Arnold Lobel: Frog and Toad are Friends

2nd/3rd grades: Choose 4 books from these titles and authors.

Beverly Cleary Ramona books, any or The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Paula Danziger: Amber Brown books, any

Barbara Park: Judy B. Jones books, any

Mary Osborne, Magic Tree House books, any

Gertrude Warner, Boxcar Children books, any

Richard Atwater, Mr. Popper's Penguins

Marcia Brown: Stone Soup

2/3rd grades continued: Patricia MacLachlan: Sarah, Plain and Tall
Else Holmelund Minarik: Little Bear
Peggy Parish: Amelia Bedelia, any
H.A. Rey, Curious George, any
Harry G. Allard: Miss Nelson is Missing
Marjorie Weinmann Sharmat: Nate the Great detective books, any
Lois Lowry: Anastasia Krupnik
Wayside School books by Louis Sachar

4th/5th grades: Choose 3 books from these titles and authors.

Dear America series, any
American Girl series, any
Betsy Byars: Bingo Brown or Summer of the Swans
Beverly Cleary: Dear Mr. Henshaw
Andrew Clements: Frindle
John Fitzgerald: The Great Brain books, any
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing or Superfudge by Judy Blume
The B.F.G., James and the Giant Peach or any books by Roald Dahl
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
39 Clues series, any, by Patrick Carman and Peter Lerangis

6th grade: Choose any 3 books from these titles and authors

Little Women or Little Men, Louisa May Alcott
A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements
The Little Princess by Frances Burnett
The Computer Nut or Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
The Black Stallion series by Walter Farley
My Side of the Mountain by Jean George
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
The Yearling by Marjorie Rawlings
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Maniac McGee by Jerry Spinelli
Who's Reading Darci's Diary by Martha Tolles
Chronicles of Narnia, any of this series by C.S. Lewis
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

7th grade: Choose any 3 books from these titles and authors

Tuck Everlasting by Babbitt
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Giver by Lois Lowry

7th grade continued: The Secret School by Avi
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
Shiloh by Naylor
Escape from Warsaw by Ian Serrailier
Sounder by William Armstrong
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Janet Gray
The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric Kelly
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

8th grade: Choose 3 books from these titles and authors
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreath Jr.
Joni by Joni Eareckson Tada
The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Dogsong by Gary Paulsen
The King's Fifth by Scott O'Dell
Across Five Aprils by Hunt
Jesus Freaks by dc Talk and The Voice of the Martyrs
China Cry by Nora Lam
Jacob Have I Loved by K. Paterson
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

High School: Choose 2 books from these titles and authors
Tom Sawyer or the Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Fellowship of the Ring, The Hobbitt or any of the Tolkien series
Eight Cousins by Louisa May Alcott
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
Goodbye Mr. Chips by James Hilton
Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliott
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
The Testament by John Grisham
The Shack by William P. Young
Christy by Catherine Marshall
This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
1984 by George Orwell
1776 by David McCullough