

Summer Reading

St. Pius X Regional School

2024 Reading Lists - Incoming Grades 6-8

Summer reading for grades 6 - 8 is required:

- Each student entering Grades 6-8 must read 2 books. One of the two books must be chosen from the appropriate grade list of fiction titles. (see below for the list of acceptable titles for each grade) The second books **MUST** be a **NON FICTION (biographies are non fiction)** with a minimum of 100 pages of their choosing, some are listed.
- Students must return both applicable signed forms to the Reading teacher in the fall on the first day of school. This is a graded activity.
- All reading lists and forms will be available on the St. Pius website about June 13th.
- All lists and forms are below.

ST. PIUS X - SUMMER READING
Incoming Grade 8 (2024)

1. Each student entering Grade 8 must read 2 books. One of the two books must be chosen from the appropriate grade list of fiction titles. (see below for the list of acceptable titles for 8th grade)
2. The second books **MUST** be a **NON FICTION (biographies are non fiction)** with a minimum of 100 pages of their choosing, some are listed.
3. Students must return the applicable signed forms (one form for the fiction title and one form for the non fiction title) to the Reading teacher in the fall on the first day of school. (both forms are below)
4. This is a graded activity.

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TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
Across Five Aprils (fiction)	Hunt J PB FIC HUN	The events of the Civil War unfold across five years.
Airborn (fiction)	Oppel J PB FIC OPP	A cabin boy on an airship and a girl passenger team up to search for mysterious winged creatures reported to live hundreds of feet above the earth's surface.
And Then There Were None (fiction)	Christie TEEN PG SUS CHR	Ten previously unacquainted people who are lured via various pretexts to Indian Island, a resort home off the coast of Devon--and are promptly accused by their unseen host of having escaped punishment for past crimes.
Archimedes and the Door of Science (biography)(non fiction)	Bendick J BIO ARCHIME DES	One of the important scientists of ancient Greece, and an explanation of his contributions to physics, astronomy, and mathematics.
Biographies (biography)(non fiction)	various	Any biography of an historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. Minimum of 100 pages.
Bread and Roses Too (fiction)	Paterson J FIC PAT Woodson	Jake and Rosa form a friendship as they try to survive the 1912 strike of mill workers in Massachusetts. Historical fiction at its best! Mrs. McGinnis recommends it!
Brown Girl Dreaming (fiction)	J BIO WOODSON	Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.
Bucking the Sarge (fiction)	Curtis YA FIC CUR	Coping with his mother's shady business dealings, 14-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the "Happy Neighbor Group Home for Men" and continuing to dream of going to college. (Very humorous)
*The Call of the Wild (fiction)	London J PB FIC LON	Buck, who is half St. Bernard and half Scotch shepherd, is abducted and taken to the Klondike where he reverts to the wild and becomes a leader of a pack of wolves.

Chains (fiction)	Anderson YA FIC AND	After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.
Chronicles of Vladimir Tod (fiction)	Brewer F BRE	Vlad has to keep his vampire urges under control while dealing with the pressures of middle school.
Code Orange (fiction)	Cooney YA FIC COO	While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.
Code Talker: a Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II (fiction)	Bruchac J FIC BRU	After being taught that the Navajo language is useless, many Navaho men are recruited by the Marines to send messages during WWII in code - the Navajo language.
*Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (fiction)	Twain CLASSIC TWA	A classic satire pokes fun at the romanticized notions of chivalry and the idealization of the middle ages.
Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam (fiction)	Kadohata J FIC KAD	A realistic story of an army dog named Cracker and her 17-year-old handler, Rick Hanski. The heartfelt tale explores the close bond of the scout-dog team, relating how it detects booby traps and mines, finds the enemy, and joins a covert rescue operation.
The Crossover (fiction)	Alexander J FIC ALE	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off <i>the</i> court as their father ignores his declining health.
Dairy Queen (or the sequel The Off Season) (fiction)	Murdock TEEN FIC MUR	A girl must decide if she can follow in her college "football hero" brothers' footsteps. Will she make the team and be allowed to play? What will her new "boy interest" think?
Devil's Arithmetic, The (fiction)	Yolen J FIC YOL	Hannah dreads going to her Passover Seder, but when she opens the door to welcome the prophet Elijah, she is transported back in time to a Polish village in 1942. Nazi soldiers come to take everyone away.
Fever, 1793 (fiction)	Anderson TEEN PB FIC AND	Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
The Final Warning: a Maximum Ride Novel (fiction)	Patterson TEEN FIC PAT	A girl has to save herself from an army assembled just to capture her – and maybe save the planet while she's at it!
The Goose Girl (fiction)	Hale TEEN FIC HAL	On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and claim her crown
Heat (fiction)	Lupica J PB FIC LUP	Pitching prodigy Michael Arroya is on the run because rival coaches doubt he is only 12 years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.
*The Hobbit: or there and back again (fiction)	Tolkein J FIC TOL	Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.
Homeless Bird (fiction)	Whelan J PB FIC WHE	When 13 year old Koly enters into an ill-fated marriage, she must suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
*The Hound of the Baskervilles (fiction)	Doyle YA PB CLS D	In what is arguably both the best Sherlock Holmes story in the canon and one of the classic all-time mystery novels, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle parlays his interest in the occult with keen scientific detection in a story that prominently showcases Dr. Watson.

House of the Scorpion, The (fiction)	Farmer TEEN PB SFF FAR	As Matt struggles to understand his existence, he is threatened by a sinister cast of characters. National Book Award (2002)
*Journey to the Center of the Earth (fiction)	Verne CLASSIC VER	Professor Hardwigg, his nephew Harry, and their guide Hans explore a volcanic crater in Iceland that leads them to the center of the earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.
Keeper (fiction)	Peet TEEN PB FIC PEE	In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rainforest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.
The Killing Sea (fiction)	Lewis TEEN PB FIC LEW	Set on the western coast of Sumatra where a Tsunami's waves first hit land, Ruslan, a local teenager searching corpse-strewn ruins for his father, and Sarah, a young American tourist desperately seeking medical help for her little brother. (Black Eyed Susan Nominee)
Let the Circle Be Unbroken (fiction)	Taylor J FIC TAY	Four black children growing up during the Depression experience racial prejudice, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.
My Brother Sam Is Dead (fiction)	Collier TEEN PB FIC COL	All his life, Tim Meeker has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Most people in town are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father. Tim knows he'll have to make a choice -- between the Revolutionaries and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father.
My Name is Not Easy (fiction)	Edwardson FIC EDW	Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they must attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home.
Nation (fiction)	Pratchett TEEN SFF PRA	Worlds are destroyed and cultures collide when a tsunami hits islands in a vast ocean much like the Pacific.
No More Dead Dogs (fiction)	Korman TEEN PB FIC KOR	Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.
Numbering All the Bones (fiction)	Rinaldi TEEN PB FIC RIN	Story of a slave girl living near Andersonville Prison during the Civil War.
*Of Mice and Men (fiction)	Steinbeck CLASSIC STE	The tragic story of two itinerant ranch hands on the run--one is the lifelong companion to the other, a developmentally disabled man.
The Other Side of the Island (fiction)	Goodman TEEN FIC GOO	Born in the eighteenth year of Enclosure, ten-year-old Honor lives in a highly regulated colony with her defiant parents, but when they have an illegal second child and are taken away, it is up to Honor and her friend Helix, another "unpredictable", to uncover a terrible secret about their island and the corporation that runs everything.
*The Outsiders (fiction)	Hinton TEEN PB FIC HIN	The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society
Peak (fiction)	Smith TEEN PB FIC SMI	Can a 14 year old boy possibly reach the top of Mt. Everest? Read an exciting book to find out.
Pendragon: The Merchant of Death (fiction)	MacHale	Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is

	TEEN PB SFF MAC	something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. ... Before he can object, he is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution.
Redwall (fiction)	Jacques J FIC JAC	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat, Cluny, a young mouse determines to find the sword of Martin the Warrior and destroy the enemy.
Shark Girl (fiction)	Bingham TEEN FIC BIN	Jane Arrowood wonders if she will forever be known as the "Shark Girl," who survived a shark attack. A popular 15-year-old suddenly feels extraordinarily different with prosthesis where her arm should be.
The Skin I'm In (fiction)	Flake TEEN PB FIC FLA	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.
**St Joan: the Girl Soldier (biography)(non fiction)	De Wohl	St. Joan of Arc. De Wohl uses his famed narrative skill to tell young people about the brave teenage French girl who had visions and led armies in battle, but also about how her entire life testifies to the amazing power of God's grace.
**St Thomas Aquinas: And the Preaching Beggars (biography)(non fiction)	Larnen/ Lomask	The story of St. Thomas Aquinas is one full of moving and dramatic scenes: the flaming destruction of Monte Cassino Abbey, the reception into the Dominican order of the quiet, determined young Thomas, the breath-taking escape from the donjon tower, and the striking instances of the saint's eloquence and brilliance.
*Three Musketeers (fiction)	Dumas CLASSIC DUM	In seventeenth-century France, young D'Artagnan initially quarrels with then befriends three musketeers, Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, and joins them in trying to outwit the enemies of the king and queen.
The Westing Game (fiction)	Raskin J PB MYS RAS	The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.
When the Black Girl Sings (fiction)	Wright YA FIC WRI	Adopted by white parents and sent to an exclusive Connecticut girls' school where she is the only black student, fourteen-year-old Lahni Schuler feels like an outcast, particularly when her parents separate, but after attending a local church where she hears gospel music for the first time, she finds her voice.
When My Name Was Keoko (fiction)	Park Y FIC PAR	With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.
*White Fang (fiction)	London CLASSIC LON	Half wolf, half dog, White Fang fully understands the cruelty of both nature and humans. After nearly starving to death during the frigid Arctic winter, he's taken in first by a man who "trains" him through constant whippings, and then by another who forces him to participate in vicious dogfights.
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond (fiction)	Speare J PB FIC SPE	Puritan neighbors regard Kit Tyler with suspicion, fear, and anger when she befriends an old woman accused of witchcraft. Can she survive in this new land? Will she find love?
Vanishing Act (fiction)	Feinstein TEEN PB FIC FEI	Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player.
*The Yearling (fiction)	Rawlings J PB FIC RAW	A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

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All American Boys	TEEN FICTION REY
Almost American Girl	T GRAPHIX BIOGRAPHY HA
American Born Chinese	T GRAPHIX FICTION YAN
Darius and Twig	TEEN FICTION MYE
Monday's Not Coming	TEEN FICTION JAC
Our Wayward Fate	TEEN FICTION CHA
Piecing Me Together	TEEN FICTION WAT
The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives	TEEN 364.155 SLA
This Time Will Be Different	TEEN FICTION SUG
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March	TEEN BIOGRAPHY LOWERY

Additional Biography Non Fiction (biography form)

42 Is Not Just a Number: the Odyssey of Jackie Robinson	J BIO Robinson RAP
Child of the Dream: a Memoir of 1963	J BIO Robinson

Non Fiction (non fiction form)

Chasing Lincoln's Killer	Teen 973.7092 SWA
Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels	J 940.541
Fly Girls: the Daring American Women Pilots Who Helped Win WWII	J 940.544 PEA
Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell and Know	J 636.7 HOR
Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting	J 940.421 MUR
We Had To Be Brave	J 940.531 HOP

ST. PIUS X - SUMMER READING
Incoming Grade 7 – 2024

1. Each student entering Grade 7 must read 2 books. One of the two books must be chosen from the appropriate grade list of fiction titles. (see below for the list of acceptable titles for 7th grade)
2. The second books **MUST** be a **NON FICTION (biographies are non fiction)** with a minimum of 100 pages of their choosing, some are listed.
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*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (fiction)	Doyle J FIC DOY	He's rude, arrogant, cold, unfriendly, and easily bored. Nobody minds, because he is a genius at solving mysteries. But to interest Sherlock Holmes at all, the case must be impossible.
The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had (fiction)	Levine J FIC LEV	When a new postmaster arrives in Moundville, AL, 12-year-old Dit is surprised to discover that Mr. Walker is African American and that his refined daughter knows nothing about baseball, hunting, or fishing.
Biographies (biography)(non fiction)	Various	Any biography of an historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. Minimum of 100 pages.
The Cabinet of Curiosities: 36 Tales of Brief & Sinister (fiction)	Bachmann J STORIES BAC	Thirty-six eerie short tales, most of which were originally published on the blog of the same name, relate to an imaginary museum of creepy artifacts and are arranged into such thematic "drawers" as love, luck, song, and fairy tales.
Catherine, Called Birdy (fiction)	Cushman J PB FIC CUS	Medieval England is the background for this story of a spirited girl written in diary form.
Climbing the Stairs (fiction)	Venkatraman TEEN FIC VEN	In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.
Dogsong (fiction)	Paulsen TEEN PB FIC PAU	An exciting adventure of an Eskimo boy, who takes a 1400 mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains.
Escaping the Giant Wave (fiction)	Kehret J PB FIC KEH	A family's vacation plans unravel when an earthquake and then tsunamis hit the area.
Gifted Hands: The Story of Ben Carson (biography)(non fiction)	Lewis J BIO CARSON	The inspirational story of Ben Carson, an African American pediatric neurosurgeon, who achieved his life goals in spite of the many obstacles he encountered.
The Graduation of Jake Moon (fiction)	Park J PAR	Fourteen-year-old Jake recalls how he has spent the last four years of his life watching his grandfather descend slowly but surely into the horrors of Alzheimer's disease.

H.I.V.E. The Higher Institute of Villainous Education (fiction)	Walden TEEN PB FIC WAL	The children have been brought against their will to be trained as the next generation of super villains. They refuse to be held prisoner at the institution and develop a scheme to escape from the island, but can they overcome those trying to stop them?
Jacob Have I Loved (fiction)	Paterson J FIC PAT	Having spent her life feeling deprived of schooling, friends, a mother, and even her name, Louise finally begins to find her identity.
*Legend of Sleepy Hollow (fiction)	Irving J FIC IRV	Ichabod Crane, a schoolmaster from Connecticut, moves to the town of Sleepy Hollow to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. Ichabod soon becomes familiar with local lore involving a Headless Horseman. When Ichabod attempts to win young Katrina Van Tassel's heart, he finds himself falling prey to the legendary horseman.
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy (fiction)	Schmidt J FIC SCH	Turner Buckminster hates his new home, but things change when he meets Lizzie, an African American girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves.
Magyk (book one) (fiction)	Sage J FIC SAG	After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412--pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.
The Man Who Was Poe (fiction)	J FIC AVI	A spine-chilling tale of mystery and murder.
March Toward The Thunder (fiction)	Bruchac TEEN FIC BRU	Louis Nollette, a fifteen-year-old Abenaki Indian, joins the Irish Brigade in 1864 to fight for the Union in the Civil War. Based on the author's great-grandfather; includes author's note.
Maximum Ride: School's Out-Forever (fiction)	Patterson TEEN PB FIC PAT	Six genetically altered, winged youths try to live a normal life, but Max's ultimate destiny is to save the world, whether she wants to or not! Great Adventure!
**Miracles of John Paul II (biography)(non fiction)	Zuchniewicz	The life and impact of Pope John Paul II as told by individuals from all over the world who give moving personal testimonies how they experienced healings through the intercession of Pope John Paul II during his lifetime. From little children to old age adults, including Cardinals, well-known lay people and many others, these detailed testimonies reveal amazing healings and answers to prayers through the direct intervention of John Paul II while still alive.
Moon Over Manifest (fiction)	Vanderpoo J FIC VAN	Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.
The Mystery at Blackbeard's Cove (fiction)	Penn J FIC PEN	Four young teens set out to solve a mystery involving Blackbeard and other notorious pirates. If you've ever been to the beach in North Carolina, you'll want to read this exciting book-and there is a sequel!
*National Velvet (fiction)	Bagnold J FIC BAG	A determined girl and boy and a spirited thoroughbred horse join forces to attain the seemingly impossible dream of winning the Grand National Steeplechase.
Okay for Now (fiction)	Schmidt J FIC SCH	As a fourteen-year-old who just moved to a new town, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug Swietek has all the stats stacked against him until he finds an ally in Lil Spicer--a fiery young lady. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and a hilarious adventure on a Broadway stage.
Out of Hiding (biography)(non fiction)	Gruener J BIO GRU	Ruth Gruener was a hidden child during the Holocaust. At the end of the war, she and her parents were overjoyed to be free. But their struggles as displaced people had just begun. In war-ravaged Europe, they waited for paperwork for a chance to come to America. Once they arrived in Brooklyn, they began to build a new life, but spoke little English. Ruth started at a new school and tried to make friends -- but continued to fight nightmares and flashbacks of her time during World War II. The family's perseverance is a classic story of the American dream, but also illustrates

		the difficulties that millions of immigrants face in the aftermath of trauma. This is a gripping and human account of a survivor's journey forward with timely connections to refugee and immigrant experiences worldwide today
Peeled (fiction)	Bauer TEEN FIC BAU	In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.
Powerless (fiction)	Cody J FIC COD	Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.
The Ransom of Mercy Carter (fiction)	Cooney	In 1704, in Massachusetts, Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march to Canada.
The Red Pyramid (fiction)	Riordan J FIC RIO	A child has godlike powers but doesn't know it until strange things begin to unfold. A parent disappears, prompting introductions to ancient characters and travels to otherworldly places.
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (fiction) (Newberry)	Taylor J FIC TAY	This is the story of Cassie Logan and her family. A family determined not to lose their humanity because they are black. It takes place in Mississippi during the Depression. It's a story you won't forget.
Savvy (fiction) (Newberry Honor)	Law J FIC LAW	Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.
Schooled (fiction)	Korman TEEN PB FIC KOR	Capricorn Anderson had never watched a television show before. He'd never tasted a pizza. He had never even heard of a wedgie. And he had never, in his wildest dreams, thought of living anywhere but Garland Farm commune with his hippie caretaker, Rain
Scorpions (fiction)	Myers J PB FIC MYE	Reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.
The Silent Boy (fiction)	Lowry Y FIC LOW	Katy is a doctor's daughter in the early 20th century, and her curiosity is tolerated, even encouraged. This explains her relationship with the 14-year-old brother of her family's hired girl, Peggy. Jacob is "the silent boy" who somehow communicates with animals, but only makes humming and clicking sounds when he is with people. Katy and Jacob develop an unusual and treasured friendship until a tragedy occurs.
Silver on the Tree (fiction)	Cooper J PB FIC COO	In this conclusion of the "Dark Is Rising" sequence, Will Stanton, the Welsh boy Bran, and the Drew children try to locate the crystal sword that alone can vanquish the strong forces of the Dark.
Stargirl (fiction)	Spinelli TEEN PB FIC SPI	When Stargirl, a previously homeschooled high schooler, enters Mica High, the students aren't sure how to respond to her eccentric behavior.
**St Pius X: The Farm Boy Who Became Pope (biography)(non fiction)	Diethelm	This is a true story of St. Pius X. Young readers will be inspired by the life of this holy man--from his youthful days of hard work and prayer to receive the education he needed to his years as country priest, encouraging his people to holiness.
Tangerine (fiction)	Bloor TEEN PB FIC BLO	So what if he's legally blind? Even with his bottle-thick, bug-eyed glasses, Paul Fisher can see better than most people. He can see the lies his parents and brother live out, day after day. No one ever listens to Paul, though--until the family moves to Tangerine. In Tangerine, even a blind, geeky, alien freak can become cool. Who knows? Paul might even become a hero!
A Thousand Never Evers (fiction)	Burg J FIC BUR	As the civil rights movement in the South gained momentum in 1963--and violence against African Americans intensified--the black residents, including seventh-grader Addie Ann Pickett, in the small town of Kuckachoo, Mississippi, begin their own courageous struggle for racial justice.

*To Kill a Mockingbird (fiction)	Lee CLASSIC LEE	The explosion of racial hate in an Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man.
*War of the Worlds (fiction)	Wells J FIC WEL	As life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the earth.
*Watership Down (fiction)	Adams TEEN PB SFF ADA	Tale of adventure, courage and survival follows a band of very special creatures on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home. Led by a stouthearted pair of brothers, they journey forth from their native Sandleford Warren through the harrowing trials posed by predators and adversaries, to a mysterious promised land and a more perfect society.
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town (fiction)	Holt J PB FIC HOL	During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world. When Zachary's guardian and business partner disappears, leaving the teen alone, Toby and Cal befriend him. The boys learn about themselves and the true meaning of friendship
The Witches (fiction)	Dahl J FIC DAH	A young boy discovers that the witches of England want to turn all the children into mice. What can he do to prevent this tragedy???? Hilarious!

Social Justice

All American Muslim Girl	TEEN FICTION COU
Esperanza Rising	J HISTORIC RYA
How I Discovered Pottery	
If I Ever Get Out of Here	TEEN FICTION GAN
Jazz Owls: A Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots	TEEN HISTORIC ENG
Making Our Way Home: The Great Migration and the Black American Dream	973.0496 IMA
March: Book One	T GRAPHIX 328.73 LEW
One Crazy Summer	J FICTION WIL
Our Wayward Fate	TEEN FICTION CHA
Watch Us Rise	TEEN FICTION WAT

Additional Biography Non Fiction (biography form)

Bethany Hamilton: She Dared	J BIO Hamilton WAL
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom	Teen BIO Lowery
Her Own Two Feet: a Rwandan Girl's Brave Fight to Walk	J BIO Uwitonze DAV
Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James B Williams, Tuskegee Airman	J BIO Williams BIN

Non Fiction (non fiction form)

Days of Infamy: How a Century of Bigotry Led to Japanese American Internment	Teen 341.67 GOL
For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why it Matters	J 320.473 FOS
Heart and Soul: the Story of American and African Americans	J 973.0496 NEL
Outcasts United: the Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town	Teen 796.334 STJ
This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight For School Equality	J 379.263 BOY
The Ultimate Builder's Guide in Minecraft	J 793.932 MIN

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*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (fiction)	Verne Classic VER	Science-fiction tale about a French professor and his companions who are trapped aboard a futuristic submarine with a mad sea captain and come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.
Al Capone Does My Shirts (fiction)	Choldenko J FIC CHO	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
Babe & Me (fiction) (or any in this series)	Gutman J PB FIC GUT	With their ability to travel back in time using baseball cards, Joe and his father try to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot in the third game of the 1932 World Series.
Biographies (biography)(non fiction)	various	Any biography of an historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. Minimum of 100 pages.
*Black Beauty (fiction)	Sewell J FIC SEW	A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.
Bloomability (fiction)	Creech J PB FIC CRE	When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Switzerland to attend an international school, 13-year-old Dinnie discovers her place in the world.
Blue Jasmine (fiction)	Sheth J FIC SHE	When twelve-year-old Seema moves to Iowa City with her parents and younger sister, she leaves friends and family behind in her native India but gradually begins to feel at home in her new country.
Boston Jane (fiction)	Holm J FIC HOL	In 1854, Miss Jane Peck finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the Chinook Indians of Washington Territory.

A Boy at War: a novel of Pearl Harbor (fiction)	Mazer Teen FIC MAZ	In Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenage Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His father is serving on the USS Arizona when the bombs fall. (Sequel: "A Boy No More".)
Breadcrumbs (fiction)	Ursu J FIC URS	Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life
Breadwinner, The (fiction)	Ellis J FIC ELL	Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.
Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It (fiction)	Frazier J FIC FRA	Brendan is a budding rock hound who discovers he is not the only family member who collects them. This hobby soon leads him to ask questions that aren't all that easy to answer or accept.
Cay, The (fiction)	Taylor J PB FIC TAY	When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.
Cracker Jackson (fiction)	Byars	Cracker Jackson has a big, serious, adult problem. He finds out that his old babysitter is in danger. He's the only one who can help her, but what's an 11 year-old to do?
Egypt Game, The (fiction)	Snyder J FIC SNY	A group of children, studying Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend a professor.
Eleven (fiction)	Giff J FIC GIF	When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.
Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini (biography)(non fiction)	Fleischman J BIO HOUDINI	Who was this man who could walk through brick walls and, with a snap of his fingers, vanish elephants? In these pages you will meet the astonishing Houdini—magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape artists.
A Girl Named Disaster (fiction)	Farmer J PB FIC FAR	While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven-year-old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.
Inkheart (fiction)	Funke J FIC FUN	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.
Journal of James Edmond Pease: a	Murphy	Tells the story of the brave and rigorous army life of a 16-year-old Union soldier who has been ordered by his commanding officer to

Civil War Union Soldier, The (fiction)		keep a written record of “G” Company during the most brutal years of the Civil War. (My Name is America series)
Julie of the Wolves (fiction)	George J FIC GEO	Julie finds herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness, without food, without even a compass to guide her. Slowly she is accepted by a pack of wolves, who help save her life.
King of Shadows (fiction)	Cooper J FIC COO	While in London as part of an all-boy acting company, Nat finds himself transported to 1599 and performing under Shakespeare himself.
Leap of Faith (fiction)	Bradley J FIC BRA	Forced to attend a Catholic middle school because of her conduct, Abigail discovers a talent for theater and develops a true religious faith.
*Little Women (fiction)	Alcott J PB FIC ALC	A tale of four sisters, their childhood, their love for their parents, their arguments, and their growth from childhood to womanhood.
Loser (fiction)	Spinelli J PB FIC SPI	Even though his classmates consider him strange, Donald Zimkoff's optimism and the support of his family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.
Love that Dog (fiction)	Creech J PB FIC CRE	Written in poetic verse, this novel is told through the writing of young Jack, who at first expresses an extreme dislike of poetry but, with the guidance of his teacher and the inspiration of model poems, Jack develops his poetry and uses it to memorialize his pet dog.
The Madman of Piney Woods (fiction)	Curtis J HISTORIC CUR	Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada (originally a settlement of runaway slaves) and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before--the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine, and the lasting damage those events caused to the survivors.
The Magician's Elephant (fiction)	DiCamillo J FIC DIC	A fortune teller's strange prediction and a magician's startling trick lead Peter on an extraordinary journey to find his sister in the kingdom of Baltese.
Mister Monday (fiction)	Nix J PB FIC NIX	The mysterious Mister Monday gives Arthur Penhaligon a strange key to a house only he can see. (The first book in a great series.)
Mockingbird (fiction)	Erskine J FIC ERS	Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.
The Mysterious Benedict Society (fiction)	Stewart J FIC STE	After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.
Out of the Dust (fiction)	Hesse J FIC HES	The story of a young girl growing up during the Oklahoma dust bowl.
Over Sea, Under Stone (fiction)	Cooper J PB FIC COO	Three children on vacation in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest that entraps them in the eternal battle between the forces of the Light and the Dark.

Paint the Wind (fiction)	Ryan J FIC RYA	When Maya's grandmother dies, she is given the opportunity to learn about herself, her family and a mysterious mustang.
Peter and the Starcatchers (fiction)	Barry J FIC BAR	A fast-paced, impossible-to-put-down adventure awaits as the young orphan Peter and his mates are dispatched to an island ruled by the evil King Zarboff.
Rain Reign (fiction)	Martin J FIC MAR	Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.
Redwall (fiction)	Jacques J FIC JAC	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat, Cluny, a young mouse determines to find the sword of Martin the Warrior and destroy the enemy.
Single Shard (fiction)	Park J FIC PAR	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
Skeleton Man (fiction)	Bruchac J PB FIC BRU	After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great uncle", Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Indian story for her safety and maybe her life.
*The Secret Garden (fiction)	Burnett J PB FIC BUR	A classic story of an orphaned girl, a wheelchair bound boy and a young lad with a love for nature. Together they care for an abandoned garden and each other.
Spirit Animals-series (fiction)	Various Authors J FANTASY SPI	In the world of Erdas, when children turn 11, they drink Nectar in order to see if they will have a spirit animal. Conor, Abeke, Meilin, and Rollan are chosen, and, with their spirit animals-a wolf, a leopard, a panda, and a falcon-they must summon the Four Fallen, Great Beasts that gave their lives many years earlier to defeat the Devourer. (Book 1: <i>Wild Born</i>)
**St Dominic and the Rosary (biography)(non fiction)	Beebe	St. Dominic led a life of excitement and adventure. As a boy he sold his books to feed the poor and offered himself as ransom for a prisoner. His greatest adventures came when he walked from town to town and stood fearlessly in the market to preach.
**St Ignatius and the Company of Jesus (biography)(non fiction)	Derleth	As a young man, Ignatius had dreams of an adventurous life as a soldier. His dreams, however, did not come true the way he had hoped. Seriously wounded in battle, the soldier Ignatius had a profound conversion to Christ during his period of healing and recovery. He abandoned a promising career in the military and dedicated the rest of his life to the service of Christ and the Church.
A Tale Dark and Grimm (fiction)	Gidwitz J FIC GID	Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kind strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimms' fairy tales Faithful Johannes, Hansel and Gretel, The seven ravens, Brother and sister, The robber bridegroom, and The devil and his three golden hairs.
*The children's Homer : the adventures of	Green J 883 COL	A retelling of the events of the Trojan War and the wanderings of Odysseus based on Homer's Iliad and Odyssey. Travel back to a mythical time when Achilles, aided by the gods, waged war against

Odysseus and the tale of Troy (fiction)		the Trojans. and join Odysseus on his journey through murky waters, facing obstacles like the terrifying scylla and whirling charybdis, the beautiful enchantress Circe, and the land of the raging cyclopes.
The Thief Lord (fiction)	Funke J FIC FUN	The Thief Lord leads a band of street children who enjoy making mischief. However, he also has a dark secret. The story takes place in Venice, Italy. Good adventure!
Time Cat (fiction)	Alexander J FIC ALE	Jason and his magic cat, Gareth, travel through time to visit countries all over the world during many times of history.
*Treasure Island (fiction)	Stevenson J PB FIC STE	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.
Under the Blood Red Sun (fiction)	Salisbury TEEN PB FIC SAL	Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.
When You Reach Me (fiction)	Stead J FIC STE	As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.
White Horse Talisman (fiction)	Spalding J FIC SPA	Chantel and Adam are on summer vacation in England with their cousins Holly and Owen. The first night, Chantel sees a shooting star, and because she believes in magic, Equus, one of the Wise Ones, is able to communicate with her. Because the powers of the Dark Being are growing stronger, the Wise Ones need human help to find their three "objects of power" that were buried on Earth for safekeeping in the old times.
*Wind in the Willows (fiction)	Grahame J FIC GRA	The escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside - Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. When Mr. Toad gets a new motor car, he gets them all in trouble.
Witch Catcher (fiction)	Hahn J FIC HAH	Having just moved into an inherited house, 12-year-old Jen is surprised that her widowed father is dating, but more surprised when she learns what the spooky woman wants!
*The Yearling (fiction)	Rawlings J FIC RAW	A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

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1919: The Year that Changed America	J 973.913 SAN
Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court	J BIOGRAPHY ABDUL-JAB
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Brown Girl Dreaming	J BIOGRAPHY WOODSON
Count Me In	J FICTION BAJ
Ghost Boys	J FICTION RHO
Kira Kira	J FICTION KAD
The Lions of Little Rock	J HISTORIC LEV
Other Words For Home	J FICTION WAR
Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of Mathematician Katherine Johnson	

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong U.S.A. Woods, Brenda J BIOGRAPHY JOHNSON

Additional Biography Non Fiction (biography form)

My Survival: A Girl On Schindler's List	J BIO Finder
Ugly	J BIO Hoge
Boundless: Chaunte Lowe	J BIO Lowe
This Side of Wild	J BIO Paulsen

Non Fiction (non fiction form)

Accidental Archaeologists	J 930.1 ALB
Blast Back!: The Space Race	J 629.41 OHL
Champion: The Comeback Tale of the American Chestnut Tree	J 583.65 WAL
Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow	J 973.049 GAT
They Lost Their Heads!	J 920.02 BEC

SPX Summer Reading Review Form – Fiction-incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Title: _____

Author: _____ Date of Publication _____

Setting (brief description): _____

Characters (names and brief personality descriptions): _____

Conflict (the main problem that the main character is trying to solve): _____

3 Complications (circumstances that prevent the main character from solving the conflict): _____

Climax (most exciting part of the story/turning point/main character changes): _____

Resolution (how the main character solves the conflict): _____

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

SPX Summer Reading Review Form – Biography- incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Title: _____

Author: _____ Date of Publication _____

Number of Pages: _____

Name of person featured in the book: _____

What makes the person in this book notable? _____

What span of time does this biography cover? _____

What is the major accomplishment this person is most known for? Why is that an important accomplishment?

What significant events contributed to this person's life outcome? List them in chronological order.

What obstacles or problems did the subject have to face? _____

What were the weaknesses, failures, or disappointments for this person? _____

After reading this book would you consider the subject to be someone to look up to as a role model? _____ Why or why not? _____

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What experiences or lessons from this person's life could a reader apply to his or her own life?

What did you like best of all the things that happened to this person? _____

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

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SPX Summer Reading Review Form – Non Fiction -incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Title: _____

Author: _____ Number of pages: _____

Topic (What is the book about?) _____

Use complete sentences to explain why you chose to read a book about this particular topic. Give details.

I selected this book because _____

Using complete sentences, explain the author's purpose for writing this book. Give examples from the book to show your knowledge of the content. _____

Using complete sentences, describe FIVE new facts or ideas that you learned from reading this book, Give details.

1. _____

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If you met the author of this book what are TWO suggestions or compliments you would make about the book? Use complete sentences to explain your response.

1. _____

2. _____

Would you recommend this non fiction book to anyone? Why or why not?

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