



## Summer Reading 2020

Dear families,

We are looking forward to an exciting new year at Holy Spirit. I hope your summer is full of wonderful memories. Here is some information to help you prepare for our Language Arts Literature program.

The summer reading list is on our school website under the middle school banner. If you just click on it, it will be readily available. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade all have one fiction and one non-fiction work. No written work has been assigned. All work will be completed in class or as homework once the school year has commenced, and a comprehensive test will be given on both the fiction and non-fiction works.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Fiction: Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Non-fiction: Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Fiction: The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy by Padraic Colum (Christianbooks.com Stock # WW68834)

Non-fiction: Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries by Elizabeth MacLeod

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Fiction: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Non-fiction: Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson

If a student wishes, he or she may read along with an audio book. The student should still read along in the text and annotate as needed. This is not a case of one or the other. All students will need a physical copy of the text at the first week (the second day) of school. Students will annotate their texts in class, therefore, a library book or borrowed book will not be the best choice.

Here are some other general tips for readers:

- Read with a dictionary, next to you, and highlight words you may not understand.
- Read aloud with someone; take on different characters or change your voice (inflection and intonation) as you read.
- Tab (with a sticky note) any important passages that you may need to re-read.
- While reading, stop to draw images or make graphic organizers to connect ideas.

- Write down questions or thoughts that you may have in the book while reading. (Annotation)
- Discuss the book after you have read it with someone who has already read it.

CAVEAT: Watching the movie without having read the book will not be a successful strategy. Movies often exclude important themes, passages, and characters. :-)

God Bless,

Mrs. Smith