

Hello Future Sixth Graders!

We are so excited to welcome you to Middle School and hope that you are excited about joining us! Hopefully your summer will be wonderful and relaxing; maybe you will be traveling. We hope you are ready for a great year with many opportunities to grow, change, and explore new ideas through all your studies, especially Literature.

To help you prepare, we are asking that you spend part of your summer reading and taking in some great literature! There are so many wonderful books and topics to explore and much of the choices will be up to you as to what you read. There will be a very simple and easy to complete form for each of the three books you choose. (This *is* called “summer reading,” so don’t neglect your end of the year school responsibilities by starting too soon!)

First, choose a book from each of the following genres or topics: 1) realistic fiction, 2) Biblical, mythological, legend, or fantasy, and 3) biography. If you do not find a book on this that you think you would enjoy, please email us as soon as possible with a choice of your own (this is only for the realistic fiction, mythological, legend, or fantasy sections.) It must be the appropriate reading level and also must fit into the genre or topic. All books, whether from our list or of your own choosing, must be books that you have not read before. Expand your mind and horizons with new literature! For questions, our email addresses will be included at the end of this letter. All new choices must be made and approved by the middle of July.

Once you have chosen your books, enjoy reading them! Lie around by the pool or at the beach, stay awake late into the night with a flashlight, bring them along on your family vacation and really become lost in them! Some of the books on the list may have ideas or topics that can be difficult to read about. Allow God to give you this opportunity to grow as a Christian by thinking about ways you could respond in the same situations.

Next, print out and complete a separate form for each book. You are not being required to create a project or come up with a presentation for the first week of school. Just answer the questions, fill in the blanks, and share your opinions of the literature you read. Cursive usually is easier to read than print – just a hint! There is also a sample form for you to look over!!!

Finally, have your completed forms ready to turn in on the first day of school. Don’t worry, it will be crazy and you will be nervous and excited, so if you forget them the first day, just bring them the second day. Try to avoid waiting until the night before to complete the work; trust us - you and your parents will appreciate this!

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email one of us, and we will do our best to respond as soon as possible. We are hoping to do a little traveling too, so if we don’t respond right away just wait patiently. Thanks! Our email addresses are [michelle.grant@princeofpeace.org](mailto:michelle.grant@princeofpeace.org) and [meredith.arldt@princeofpeace.org](mailto:meredith.arldt@princeofpeace.org). We will check it often.

Happy Reading!

In HIS Service,

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Literature and Eighth Grade American History

Choose one book from each genre or topic. Or, email us with your own appropriate choice. Reminder that the books you choose must be new to you. There are no titles listed for biography as those titles will be completely your choice. You only need to email us about your biography choice if you have questions.

### **Realistic Fiction**

From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Bloomability by Sharon Creech

Sixth-Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me by Lisa Papademetriou

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

### **Biblical, Mythological, Legend, or Fantasy**

*(Don't let this choice confuse you - the Bible is certainly **not** a myth, legend, or fantasy!! It is without a doubt the inerrant Word of God!)*

Ephesians (It's short, but powerful!)

Acts (It's long, but absolutely amazing and definitely worth the read!!!)

Aesop's Fables by Aesop (Choose at least 8 fables to read and focus on – or more if you find yourself really caught up in the stories!)

The Adventures of Ulysses by Bernard Evslin

Any of the Chronicles of Narnia series by C. S. Lewis

### **Biography**

Choose a world leader (political or religious). He or she may be living or deceased. This should be a book, not a magazine or Internet site.

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*\*Feel like reading more than one book from each genre or topic?!?! We would highly encourage that! If you want to turn in more than the required amount of work, please feel free. Extra credit points will be offered for additional work that is well done and can be used on Literature tests during the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Up to three additional forms can be turned in for extra credit. All extra credit will still be due at the same time as the required work.*

*\*\*Need or want more help with your summer reading? Check out the Summer Reading Summer Camp! It's a weeklong opportunity to read, work on the forms, and ask questions! This will be offered at least twice during summer break by Mrs. Grant.*