



Summer 2011 Reading List

For students entering
7th and 8th grades...

"Kids who don't have educationally rich summers will be nearly three years behind their peers by the time they reach the end of the fifth grade... Much like we would expect an athlete or a musician's performance to suffer if they didn't practice regularly, the same thing is true for young people when it comes to reading performance."

— Ron Fairchild, Founding CEO, Nat'l Summer Learning Association

The school bell may stop ringing, but summer is a great time for all kinds of learning opportunities for kids. The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose their reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

For incoming 7th graders:

- *Tangerine*-Edward Bloor

For incoming 8th graders:

- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

Each grade will have a test over the content of each book on the first days of school.

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Student Last Name _____ First Name _____

My child is entering the _____ grade for the 2011-12 school year.

I understand that my child has a summer reading assignment and will be tested on the book at the start of the 2011-12 school year.

Parent printed name

Parent signature



Recommended Reading **for Catholic School Students**



~Grade 7 to Grade 8~

~Faith~

The Catholic Youth Bible-Brian Singer-Towns, ed:St. Mary's Press, 2002.

Under the Eye of the Clock-Christopher Nolan: Dell, 1987. The author, although mute and paralyzed, expresses needs universal to all humanity.

~Service~

Maximillian Kolbe: Saint of Auschwitz. Elaine Murray Stone: Paulist Press, 1997. This is the biography of the Polish priest who offered himself in exchange for the life of a man with two children.

Time To Be Born-David Bell, MD: Morrow, 1975. A two pound "preemie" and a newborn addict were only two of the many babies that Dr. Bell cared for and cared deeply about.

~Love~

Anne of Green Gables-LM Montgomery: Bantam, 1908. A high-spirited girl is sent from an orphanage to be adopted by a couple who wanted a boy.

Summer of the Swans-Betsy Byars: Viking, 1970. A bored and discontented girl discovers her true self when her mentally-challenged brother is lost.

~Hope~

The Yearling-Marjorie Kennan Rawlings: Atheneum, 1985. A boy living in the backwoods of Florida is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

Yellow Raft in the Blue Water-Michael Dorris: Holt, 1987. A girl searching for her true identity discovers truths about her mother and grandmother.