



Sacred Heart Parish School- 2018 Summer Reading

Grades 5 and 6

Students entering the following grades in the fall of 2018 are required to read the book listed for their grade level, as well as additional book(s) noted. Students will keep a journal for each book they read, to turn in the beginning of school (teacher will assign date) for a summer reading grade. These journals must be neatly handwritten in one 8 ½ x 11 spiral notebook (or use your iPad or tablet-following the same format given), with each novel clearly labeled.

Read the books throughout the summer; trying to cram them all in during the week before school starts will not produce good results. Happy Summer Reading

Grade Five

- The Black Stallion by Walter Farly
- One high interest novel of your choice appropriate for grade level and reading Lexile level

Grade Six

- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- **One** high interest novels of your choice appropriate for grade level and reading Lexile level

Summer Reading - Journaling Format

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- *How often do I need to journal? Or, how many journal entries do I need to make?*
 - You should have at least **10 journal entries per book**. (At least 20 entries in all)
 - Divide the total number of pages in your book by 10; that is how often you **MUST** write a journal.
 - You may write more journals if the number of pages per entry feels like it's too much to remember.

Example Scenarios:

- If your book has 250 pages, you are required to write a journal at least every 25 pages ($250/5=25$).

- If your book has 400 pages, you are required to write a journal at least every 40 pages ($400/5=40$). However, you might consider writing a journal entry every 30 pages instead.

- What to include in each journal entry:
 - 1) The chapters and page numbers for the entry at the top of the page.
 - If your book does not have chapters, just write the page numbers
 - 2) Plot Details Section:
 - Write "Plot Details" at the beginning of this section.
 - Write a summary of the section you just read. This should be at least 3 sentences. You may write a paragraph or bulleted list, but you should use complete sentences
 - 3) Character Details:
 - Start a new section titled "Character Details"
 - Pick 1 character (main or supporting) from the section you just read
 - If you're writing about a new character, write a brief description of who they are (physical description, goals, motivations, relationships, or any other important details).
 - If you're writing about a character you described in a previous journal entry, add any new details that you have learned (changes in goals or motivations, how relationships have developed with other characters, any other new and important details).
 - 4) Personal Thoughts:
 - Start a new section titled "Personal Thoughts"
- You could analyze what's been happening in the story so far, comment on an event you found interesting, etc. (2 to 3 sentences)
- **IMPORTANT: Each journal entry should be clearly labeled with the chapters and pages numbers AND all three sections should be clearly labeled and separate on the page.**