

INCOMING SIXTH GRADE

Aestas - Summer Reading

Reading is an integral part of cultivating a love of learning. At Agathos, students read widely during the school year, and our vision is for students to develop lifelong reading habits. With that in mind, we expect students to invest time during the summer reading good books.

Summer reading expectations vary by grade level. Our incoming K - 2nd graders are expected to read daily from a suggested reading list, but no formal report is required. Our incoming 3rd through 8th graders are expected to read two books from their respective grade level list and *complete one book report form for each book*. A printed copy of your student's summer reading list and forms are included; these may also be accessed through the Blackbaud site under resources.

Please encourage your student to pay careful attention to the instructions for his or her grade level. These lists have been curated to be grade specific providing bridges between grade levels. Book report forms specific to each grade level are provided at the end of each incoming 3rd - 8th grade packet. This template provides appropriate structure for each grade level which means they are not interchangeable.

We expect all 3rd - 8th grade returning students to arrive the first day of school with their summer reading completed. Submission of the book reports on the first day of school shall result in a literature completion grade of 100%. Students who do not submit Aestas - Summer Reading on the first day of school will receive one additional day without penalty to submit the forms. After the second day, the report grade will be deducted by 10% per each day the work is late. After three additional days, a zero will be given.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by AVI ISBN 978-0-7868-1658-3

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Matilda Bone by Karen Cushman ISBN 978-0-547-72242-9

Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a medieval English village, tries to reconcile the spiritual and practical aspects of her life.

AND

**All students are required to read
ONE additional book from this list**

Lillian Trasher: The Greatest Wonder in Egypt by Janet Benge

ISBN 978-1-57658-305-0

A biography of the American missionary woman who founded an orphanage in Egypt in the early 1900s, when Egyptians were rebelling against their British overlords, where she trusted God to provide for the thousands of children in her care.

The Great Brain by John Dennis Fitzgerald ISBN 978-0-14-240058-6

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson ISBN 978-0-06-440382-5

In the late 1860s in the Texas hill country, a big yellow dog and a fourteen-year-old boy form a close, loving relationship.

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry ISBN 978-1-41692-783-9

Two youngsters' determination to own a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster ISBN 978-0-394-82037-8

Milo, a young boy with little interest in anything, takes a trip through the Phantom Tollbooth to the Lands Beyond where he meets an enchanting cast of characters that teaches him the importance of words, numbers, ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm for life.

Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard ISBN 978-0-8234-2391-0

A trapper's son and a champion Irish Setter roam wilderness areas and grow to maturity together.

Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw ISBN 978-0-14-031929-3

The adventures of an ingenious Egyptian slave girl who undertakes a dangerous assignment as a spy in the royal palace of Thebes, in the days when Queen Hatshepsut ruled.

Mary, Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer ISBN 978-0-15-216456-0

Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England during the mid-sixteenth century, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII.

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen ISBN 978-0-307-92958-7

Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.

Men of Iron by Howard Pyle ISBN 978-1-60450-607-5

Young Myles Falworth, son of a fourteenth-century nobleman unjustly named as a traitor, sets out to reclaim his family's honor in a quest that leads to knighthood and the defeat of his father's betrayer.

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawlings ISBN 978-0-440-41580-0

In the late 1800's, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.

The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff ISBN 978-0-312-64429-1

A young centurion ventures among the hostile tribes beyond the Roman Wall to recover the eagle standard of the Ninth, a legion which mysteriously disappeared under his father's command.

Outcast by Rosemary Sutcliff ISBN 978-0-374-45673-3

Cast out because of his Roman birth by the Celtic tribe that raised him, fifteen-year-old Beric feels increasingly bitter isolation when, after reaching a Roman settlement, he is sold into slavery and sentenced to serve in a galley for the rest of his life.

Augusta Came to Kent by Barbara Willard ISBN 978-1-883937-21-8

In 597, Wolf, a young Angle, travels from Rome to England, the land of his birth, accompanying Prior Augustine, later to be known as St. Augustine of Canterbury, on his mission to bring Christianity to English soil.