

INCOMING EIGHTH 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

Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

ISBN 978-1-58049-576-9

An autobiographical account by the runaway slave Frederick Douglass that chronicles his experiences with his owners and overseers and discusses how slavery affected both slaves and slaveholders.

AND

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

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott ISBN 978-0-486-82806-0

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett ISBN 978-0-440-40055-4

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Revolution is a Not a Dinner Party: a Novel by Ying Chang Compestine

ISBN 978-0-312-58149-7

Starting in 1972 when she is nine years old, Ling, the daughter of two doctors, struggles to make sense of the communists' Cultural Revolution, which empties stores of food, homes of appliances deemed "bourgeois," and people of laughter.

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie ISBN 978-0-06-207348-8

Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival.

Breaking Through by Jimenez Francisco ISBN 978-0-618-34248-8

Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank ISBN 978-0-553-29698-3

A thirteen-year-old Dutch-Jewish girl records her impressions of the years she and seven others spent hiding from the Nazis before they were discovered and taken to concentration camps

Which Way Freedom? by Joyce Hansen ISBN 978-0-380-71408-7

Obi escapes from slavery during the Civil War, joins a black Union regiment and soon becomes involved in the bloody fighting at Fort Pillow, Tennessee.

The Endless Steppe: Growing Up In Siberia by Esther Hautzig

ISBN 978-0-06-440577-5

The author recounts the five years of hardship and trials spent in Siberia, after she and her family were arrested in Poland by the Russians as political enemies during World War II.

Mrs. Kennedy and Me by Clint Hill ISBN978-1-45164-846-1

A memoir of former Secret Service agent Clint Hill, discussing his time serving as bodyguard to Jacqueline Kennedy from 1960 - 1964.

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt ISBN 978-0-425-10241-1

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith ISBN 978-0-06-44030-8

Sixteen-year-old Jefferson Davis Bussey cannot wait to join the Army and defend the Union against the dreaded Colonel Watie, but when he is assigned to infiltrate the enemy camp as a spy, he discovers the rebels are boys and men just like him, and he must then decide whether to betray his enemies or join them.

Moccasin Trail by Eliose Jarvis McGraw ISBN 978-0-14-032170-8

A pioneer boy, brought up by Crow Indians, is reunited with his family and attempts to orient himself in the white man's culture.

The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt ISBN 978-0-618-72483-3

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

The Perilous Road by William O. Steele ISBN 978-0-15-205204-1

Fourteen-year-old Chris, bitterly hating the Yankees for invading his Tennessee mountain home, learns a difficult lesson about the waste of war and the meaning of tolerance and courage when he reports the approach of a Yankee supply troop to the Confederates, only to learn that his brother is probably part of that troop.

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne ISBN 978-0-486-44088-0

Jules Verne's classic nineteenth-century science-fiction story about a scientist who leads a group on a treacherous journey to the center of the earth where they discover a lost civilization.

The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells ISBN 978-0-451-53065-3

After Martians land on Earth just outside of London in the later nineteenth century, an Englishman tries to find his wife while the British military and human technology fail in their efforts to stop the Martians, which have begun to kill and feed off of humans.