

INCOMING SEVENTH 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

Blood on the River: James Town 1607 by Elisa Lynn Carbone

ISBN 978-0-14-240932-9

Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

AND

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

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson ISBN 978-1-41690-586-8

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Fever by Laurie Halse Anderson ISBN 978-0-689-84891-9

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt ISBN 978-1-25005-929-1

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

The Incredible Journey by Sheila Every Burnford

ISBN 978-0-440-41324-0

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

Alice's Adventure in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll ISBN 978-1-4209-5130-1

On a boat trip with Reverend and his daughters, one of whom was named Alice, Carroll invented a story about a bored little girl who goes looking for adventure. **READ ALICE IN WONDERLAND ONLY!**

My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier

ISBN 978-0-439-78360-6

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

The Ransom of Mercy Carter by Caroline B. Cooney ISBN 978-0-385-74046-3

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead ISBN 978-0-14-131242-2

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains, including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

Incident at Hawk's Hill by Allan W. Eckert ISBN 978-0-316-20948-9

A shy, lonely six-year-old wanders into the Canadian prairie and spends a summer under the protection of a badger.

Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison by Lois Lenski

ISBN 978-0-06-446162-7

A fictional retelling of the experiences of twelve-year-old Mary Jemison, who after being captured by a Shawnee war party during the French and Indian War, is rescued and subsequently adopted by two Seneca sisters with whom she ultimately chooses to stay.

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen ISBN 978-0-375-85908-3

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. Includes historical notes.

Black Beauty by Anne Sewell ISBN 978-1-53621-124-5

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

ISBN 978-0-547-55029-9

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

ISBN 978-1-42874-432-5 (originally 978-1-41693-936-8)

Jules Verne's classic novel featuring Phileas Fogg, a wealthy gentleman who makes a bet that he can travel around the world in just eighty days.