



Holy Ghost Catholic School

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Loving, Learning and Living in Christ

Summer Required Reading 2018

Our students make great strides throughout the year to improve their reading fluency and comprehension. Studies show that if reading continues throughout the summer months, this growth will not be lost. As we value the education your child receives, we have developed a **required** summer reading plan for students entering the 2nd - 8th grades. Students are required to take the AR tests on their required summer reading for a reading grade.

The library/computer lab will be open for testing on the following dates over the summer: Thursday, June 21 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Monday, July 16 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Parents must wait in gym while students test.)

*****Students must follow these exact guidelines. Failure to do so will result in a zero for the assignment. The summer required reading AR tests must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2018.**

Incoming 2nd grade: Read and test on at least 2 books with a minimum book level of 1.5.

Incoming 3rd grade: Read and test on at least 2 books with a minimum book level of 2.0.

Incoming 4th grade: Read and test on 2 chapter books with a minimum book level of 3.0, and each chapter book must be at least 1 point.

Incoming 5th grade: Read and test on 2 chapter books with a minimum book level of 3.5, and each chapter book must be at least 3 points.

Incoming 6th grade: Read and test on 2 chapter books with a minimum book level of 3.5, and each chapter book must be at least 4 points.

Incoming 7th grade: Read and test on 2 chapter books with a minimum book level of 4.0, and each chapter book must be at least 5 points.

Incoming 8th grade: Read and test on *Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare and read and test on 1 chapter book with a minimum book level of 4.0 and worth a minimum of 6 points.

English 1: Read and test on *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and read and test on 1 chapter book with a minimum book level of 4.0 and worth at least 6 points.

***The student will receive the actual points made on the AR test as his/her grade, not the quarterly rubric. Best 2 grades will be reported so if a student doesn't do well, he/she can read and take the test on an additional book.**

***See back for list of books NOT eligible AR testing as they are used as classroom novels.**

Books not eligible for AR testing (summer or school year):

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

The Westing Game

The Watsons Go to Birmingham

Charlotte's Web

George Washington's Socks

Wonder

Tuck Everlasting

Where the Red Fern Grows

Hoot

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Holes

James and the Giant Peach

Hatchet

Number the Stars

Because of Winn-Dixie

Nothing but the Truth

The Giver

The Outsiders

Of Mice and Men

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

To Kill a Mockingbird *Assigned for English 1 summer reading.

Witch of Blackbird Pond *Assigned for 8th grade summer reading.

