

Dear future 7th Grader,



Congratulations on completing your sixth grade year! I am beyond excited to have you next year as a seventh grader at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School! I hope that your summer is filled with sunshine and fun. While you are vacationing, or are enjoying sleeping in and relaxing, we want you to practice the life long skill of reading. In seventh grade, reading is a critical component to the learning experience. In order to get ready for this experience, I have compiled a list of novels that I recommend for you to use as a summer reading project!

You will be expected to read at least **one** of these novels listed below. Reading these works of literature should not dampen your summer, but brighten it. Reading is not really *work*, it is a life skill that everyone needs to live a successful life. Reading a novel from this list, which will be verified by a parent note, or completing the “Summer Reading” sheet will result in bonus points and will enhance conversations and reading class throughout the school year. If you would like, create a presentation exploring and analyzing your book with designated literary terms and devices. All of this will prepare you for your seventh-grade year!

Novels:

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card
Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry
Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate
I am the Messenger by Markus Zusak
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Pearl by John Steinbeck
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Tuck Everlasting By Natalie Babbitt
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Zero Day by Jan Gangsei

I hope you enjoy these phenomenal pieces of literature. I encourage everyone to read more than one book on this list. Attached, you will find a slip to add each book you read for summer reading. REMEMBER this is optional yet highly encouraged and results in **extra credit**. Who doesn’t like extra credit? I hope that this assignment grows into a love of reading.

I am so excited to see you for your first day of 7th grade! Enjoy your summer and relax. See you soon and happy reading!

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The Presentation: BONUS

Step One: Create a Google Slide presentation and SHARE it with tieell@hgaschool.org

Title it: "FirstNameLastName-SummerReading2018"

Example: JohnDoe-SummerReading2018

Step Two: Break down your novel!

Slides to include:

- Title & Author
- About the author
- Summary
- Setting
- Characters with brief descriptions of each.
- Main idea with support from the book
- Review & Rating

Slides that are optional:

- Quotes
- Pictures
- Point Of View
- Your favorite part
- Literary devices (similes, metaphors, etc.)
- What you liked or disliked
- Symbols and their meanings

Step Three: Personalize! Make this presentation one-of-a-kind. Put pictures, effects, animations, the works! Try to remember to have fun with it.

Step Four: Print it out and hand it in the first day of school along with your slip of the books you read!

REMEMBER: If you have any questions at all, email me at tieell@hgaschool.org or go to my website to see examples, <https://mrselliott7a.weebly.com/>. I have a page dedicated to this Summer Reading project with resources. I am offering tutoring this summer if you need extra resources or individual help with reading or English.