

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL READING LIST FOR 7th & 8th GRADES

and the summer between 7th & 8th grade

(Graduated 8th graders may use this list or the High School reading list, but are advised to choose the latter if pursuing an A in English 1)

DIRECTIONS FOR SUMMER READING:

Students are to read at least 600 pages total, starting on the first day of summer break. The book must be either on this list or it needs to have been approved by your teacher. (A parent may call Mrs. Kilmer to check.) 707-407-5741.

The summer reading log must be turned in on the second day of school to receive full credit. The grade will be reduced by 10% in the following two days and after that, no grade will be available.

Students will receive a quiz grade of 100% for each 200 pages read. If all 600 pages have been read, students will receive an additional test grade of 100%. This is a very good way to start the new school year!

DIRECTIONS FOR READING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

Students are to read, in their own time, at least six books from this list.

The reading log, with each entry signed by a parent, should be turned in at the end of each semester on the designated date.

Students will receive a quiz grade of 100% for each book completed during the school year. When all six books have been read, students will receive a test grade of 100%.

Books designated on the High School reading list may be read in Junior High for double credit. If the student goes on to attend our High School, they will be counted for credit.

DEAR PARENTS . . . Please let me know of any other book titles that you think would be appropriate for this list. I am looking for a reading level of at least 7th grade. Almost all of the books listed here are available in our classroom, so it would be great if you can donate a book that you recommend. However, if you can simply give me a title and author, I will try to find it.

Note: there is a separate reading list for high school students.

NON FICTION (Real life, biographies, autobiographies)

- The Story of my Life Helen Keller
The story of a girl who was blind and deaf and how she succeeded in life.
- The Cross and the Switchblade David Wilkerson
A preacher who took on the fight against teen crime.
- Suzanna Wesley - Servant of God Sandy Dengler
A smart girl in the 17th century who suffered poverty, illness, and the loss of nine of her 19 children, continues to honor God.
- Search to Belong Christmas Carol Kauffman
The biography of a child of broken relationships
- On Eagles' Wings Arthur E Southon
A retelling of the life of Moses
- The Light & the Glory for Children Peter Marshall
Our nation's history from God's point of view
- Code Talker Joseph Bruchac
The exciting story about marines of the Navajo tribe in W.W.2
- God's Smuggler to China Brother David
Risking danger to smuggle Bibles into China, Brother David and his team operated the largest project ever to get Christianity to China.
- Hudson Taylor - Deep in the heart of China J.& G. Bengé
A story of dangerous missions
- Nate Saint. J.& G. Bengé
A story about this man's ministry to missionaries by plane.
- John Wesley. J. & G. Bengé
Defying angry mobs and the persecution of his church in England, John Wesley preached to thousands and saw thousands saved.
- Just Like Jesus Max Lucado
What if, for one day, Jesus were to live your life?

- Against All Odds
The story of a missionary to Brazil Jim Stier
- David Livingstone
The story of a famous explorer in Africa J. Hudson Tiner
- The Bible Smuggler
Set in 16th century England, a story based on William Tyndale's struggle to give the common people an understandable Bible. Louise A Vernon
- The Man Jesus
A continuous story of Jesus that reads more like a novel. Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John
- Do Hard Things
A realistic look at living the Christian life. Harris Brothers
- Autobiography
He once owned a slave ship, then met the Lord and wrote "Amazing Grace". John Newton
- Harriet Tubman (biography) Rebecca Janney
- Charles Spurgeon Kathy Triggs
- Tony
About an outreach in Mexicali to boys in prison Carolyn Koons
- The Hiding Place
True account of a Dutch family in W.W.2 who attempted to hide Jewish people from the Nazis and Corrie's time in a concentration camp. Corrie Ten Boom
- Up From Slavery
A gifted African American man struggles to get an education for himself and others. Booker T. Washington

FICTION

- The Chronicles of Narnia (series) C.S. Lewis
Please note: only one book in the series counts for your page allowance.
- Kildee House Rutherford Montgomery
A touching account of a man's lonely life in his woodland cabin and the animals that are his friends. Probably 90% true.
- Adventure Stories, various. Sigmund Brouwer
Please note: only two books in the series count for your page allowance.
- Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson
A young man aboard a ship in the 18th century.
- Alice in Wonderland* & Lewis Carroll
Through the Looking Glass Lewis Carroll
Both of the above are 19th century fantasy, based on stories told to a little girl in Oxford, England. Meet the White Rabbit and the Queen of Hearts.
- The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling
Stories of the animals of India.
- Peter Pan (original book). J.M. Barrie
The tale of the Darling family and a boy who wanted to never grow up.
- The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkien
An inspiring story of courage in the face of impossible odds.
- Animal Farm George Orwell
A simple tale of farm animals . . . except that they don't get along well under their form of government.
- Number the Stars Lois Lowry
10 year-olds during the invasion of Holland in W.W.2.
- Catherine, Called Birdy Karen Cushman
Told in the style of a diary, a 14 year-old girl born in 1492 tells her story.
- Almost Home Wendy Lawton
A story based on the real life of a girl who traveled on the *Mayflower*.
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Mildred D. Taylor
Children facing racial issues with courage and pride.

Freedom's Pen A story based on the life of freed slave, Phillis Wheatley, who had her poems published.	Wendy Lawton
The Nancy Drew Mysteries (there are many) Please note: <i>only two will count for your page allowance.</i>	Carolyn Keene
Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates A skating story of young people in Holland	Mary M. Dodge
The 12 th Angel A story of baseball and a boy.	Og Mandino
Over the Gate A village schoolteacher's story.	Miss Read
"Rogue Elephant" & "Man-Eaters Don't Laugh" Set in Kenya, Africa	Charles Ludwig
Blood and Honor Story of a 12 year-old Christian boy in Nazi Germany.	Reinhold Kerstan
Swiftwater A family's heroic struggle to save wild geese from hunters.	Paul Annixter
Grandma, Grandpa, and the Jesus Nut A love story of old age and business.	C. & E. Moran
So Far from Home About an Irish girl who works at the mill in the 1840's.	Barry Denenbere
Anne of Green Gables Sent by an orphanage, instead of a boy, to help on the farm, Anne becomes a part of the farm life.	L.M. Montgomery
Farewell to Manzana Life behind barbed wire in a Japanese internment camp in W.W.2.	Wakatserki and J.D. Houston
Zia The voyage of a brother and sister to the Island of the Blue Dolphins to rescue their aunt.	Scott O'Dell
Making Waves Interactive fiction. (A book for girls about girls).	Nicole O'Dell
Banner in the Sky A mountaineering story of courage and determination.	James R. Ullman
Homesick Set in the 1920's in China. A 10 year-old longs for home.	Jean Fritz

- Where the Red Fern Grows
Adventure and friendship between a boy and two dogs.
Warning- many people think this is a sad book. Wilson Rauls
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
A family try to find a safe home somewhere in Europe during W.W.2. Judith Kerr
- The Beginning
A unique and dramatic telling of the Creation. Gene Edwards
- On the Far Side of the Mountain & Danger in the Catskill Mountains (two separate stories).* Jean C. George
- Johnny Tremain
A young man in Boston gets involved in the Revolutionary War.
Brings you right into the action from his point of view. Esther Forbes
- Four Adventure Stories, each a separate book: Peter Marshall & David Manuel
Pilgrim Girl
Oregon Trail
Revolutionary War
On Board Ship of Christopher Columbus
- John Newton, Angry Sailor
Life at sea in the 1700's Kay M. Strom
- Tom Sawyer Mark Twain
- The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett
- The Black Stallion Farley
- Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm Kate D. Wiggin
- Little Women Louisa May Alcott
- Oliver Twist
Oliver struggles to survive as an orphan in the worst part of 19th century London, England. Charles Dickens
- David Copperfield Charles Dickens
David is seen as a boy and then a young man in Victorian England.
- Esperanza Rising Pam Munoz Ryan
A young Mexican girl and her mother have to flee to a camp in California where life suddenly becomes a struggle to survive.
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain
Story of a Mississippi boy and his friends.

- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Books 1-5) Rick Riordan
- The Heroes of Olympus Rick Riordan
Mrs. Kilmer has not read any of Rick Riordan's books but is told there are no bad words and the writer acknowledges the existence of God. Parent input welcome.)
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle Avi
 Caught between a ruthless captain and the rage of the crew, Charlotte is the only passenger on board the *Seahawk* in 1832
- Forge L.H. Anderson
 The young soldiers at Valley Forge have new bonds of friendship but the chains of Curzon's past threaten to shackle him again. Discover what the fight for freedom was really all about.
- Across Five Aprils Irene Hunt
 A beautifully written book filled with bloodshed, tears, love, loyalty, and compassion.
- Frightful's Mountain J.C. George
 A story of Sam and his beloved falcon, Frightful who tries to live in the wild but wants to return to the boy he knows.
- Hatchet Gary Paulsen
 Brian is alone in the Canadian wilderness. Can he survive?
- Uncle Tom's Cabin Harriet Beecher-Stowe
 A famous novel about the hard life of a runaway slave. This book was partly responsible for stirring up the need to abolish slavery in the United States.
- Rebel Siege Jim Kjelgaard
 The story of a frontier rifle maker's son who realizes that freedom is worth fighting for.
- Princess Academy Sannon Hale
 The story of a mountain girl and her desire to become a princess. "This is not a fluffy, predictable fairy tale".
- The Giver Lois Lowry

