

ST BERNARD PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Middle School Summer Reading Lists
May 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

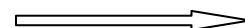
Our teachers and students have worked hard all year, and your children are leaving school this year as better readers and writers. As you know, good readers and writers read and write DAILY. **Recent brain research shows us that practice is necessary in order to master strategies that are critical to the success of the reading and writing process.** The more students read, the more proficient they become at reading and writing. Summer is a wonderful time of year for students to read books for pleasure and to nurture a love for reading.

The attached summer reading list for St. Bernard Parish Middle Schools supports the district curriculum. The list is organized according to grade level; however, it is always strongly encouraged that students read as much as possible. Books are available for checkout at school sites and at the public library. Books are available for purchase at local bookstores or Amazon.com.

Your support in promoting literacy skills is especially critical to your child's education. **Students who read at least one of the texts on the summer reading list can receive extra credit in their English course the following year.** In order to receive extra credit, students must pass an Accelerated Reader Program (ARP) test on the book. Students may take ARP tests over the summer at **Davies Elementary School Library from June 1 through June 23 from 8:15 am – 12:45 pm.** Students may also take ARP tests upon their return to middle school through **August 25, 2017**, or they may submit a **10 sentence summary** of the book to their 2017-2018 English teacher by the same date to receive extra credit.

Please encourage and remind your student to keep up with this process to form good literacy habits. We hope that you and your child have a wonderful time enjoying many great books this summer!

Happy reading!



6th Grade

(Genre emphasis on Realistic Fiction, Historical Fiction, Myths; thematic emphasis on changes)

Boys are Dogs by Leslie Margolis
Dark Water Rising by Marian Hale
***Shiloh series** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Toby Wheeler: Eighth Grade Benchwarmer by Thatched Holding

7th Grade

(Genre emphasis on Modern Fantasy, Science Fiction, Survival Stories, Relationships; thematic emphasis on choices)

***Among the Hidden** 1st in the Shadow Children Series by Margaret Haddix
Great Wide Sea by Madeline Herlong
Write Before Your Eyes by Lisa Williams Kline

8th Grade

(Genre emphasis on Biography, Non-fiction, Humor, Mystery, Cultural Differences; thematic emphasis on challenges)

Bridesmaid by Hailey Abbot
Night Hoops by Carl Deuker
***Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry** by Mildred D. Taylor
***Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)** by Anthony Harowitz

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Students will choose one of the above books to read over the summer according to the grade level they will be in during the 2017-2018 school year. Reading more than one book is highly encouraged!
- ✓ ***Books will be available at each middle school site for student check out during the summer.**
- ✓ Students will be able to earn **extra credit** for summer reading assignments. Students will need to take an ARP test or submit a 10 sentence summary of the book to receive extra credit.
- ✓ Extra credit will be added to Marking Period 1 report card grades.