

St. Matthew School Summer Reading List

The St. Matthew summer reading list is identified below. All Middle School students need to spend part of summer vacation reading these novels. There is one required novel for each grade level. Each student is required to read two additional books offered for his or her grade level. Read the complete text of the selected novel. Do not use an abridged edition. Additional reading is definitely encouraged. If time permits, family discussions of the novel are encouraged. It is hoped that the summer reading will encourage all students to continue to develop a life-long love of learning.

The 2010-2011 school year will begin with writings and assessments on each assigned novel. Students need to keep all organized notes in a single notebook. These comprehension notes will be collected on the first day of school. A specific rubric for note taking is attached. Use the rubric when taking notes.

Please note: The comprehension notes need to be legible. This is an excellent time to practice penmanship. Please use cursive when taking notes on the two additional books you select.

REQUIRED READING

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Philbrick, <i>Freak the Mighty</i>	Hinton, <i>The Outsiders</i>	Christie, <i>And Then There Were None</i>

SUGGESTED READING

SELECT TWO

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Bloor, <i>Tangerine</i> Colfer, <i>Artemis Fowl</i> Creech, <i>Bloomability</i> *Gibson, <i>The Miracle Worker</i> Lowry, <i>The Giver</i> Lupica, <i>Heat</i> Raskin, <i>The Westing Game</i> *Stevenson, <i>Treasure Island</i>	Avi, <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> *Dumas, <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> Farmer, <i>The Ear, the Eye and the Arm</i> Feinstein, <i>Last Shot</i> *Frank, <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> *Miller, <i>The Crucible</i>	*Bronte, <i>Jane Eyre</i> Deuker, <i>Night Hoops</i> *Keyes, <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> Pittman, <i>Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman</i> *Steinbeck, <i>The Pearl</i> Tolkien, <i>The Hobbit</i>

- Highly Recommended

**Summer Reading List
Rubric for Notes**

Use this rubric as an outline for taking notes on required summer reading. All notes must be placed in one notebook. Please use a separate section of the notebook for each novel you read. All notebooks are due on the first day of school. Remember: This is also an opportunity to practice your penmanship. Please write all notes in cursive. Thank you.

- I. **Novel**
 - A. **Author and Title**
 - B. **Publisher and Date of Publication**

- II. **Major Characters**
 - A. **Names of Major Characters**
 - B. **Descriptions of Major Characters**

- III. **Minor Characters**
 - A. **Names of Minor Characters**
 - B. **Descriptions of Minor Characters**

- IV. **Setting**
 - A. **Location of Setting**
 - B. **Time Period**

- V. **Narrative Point of View**

- VI. **Major Themes**
 - A. **Identify Major Themes**
 - B. **Explain Major Themes**

- VII. **Conflicts**
 - A. **Identify Major Conflicts**
 - B. **Explain Major Conflicts**

- VIII. **Symbols**
 - A. **Identify Important Symbols**
 - B. **Explain Important Symbols**

- IX. **Plot Notes**
 - A. **Exposition**
 - B. **Conflict**
 - C. **Rising Action**
 - D. **Climax**
 - E. **Resolution**

- X. **Personal Recommendation of Novel**
 - A. **Will you encourage another student to read this book? Why or why not? Include specific reasons and examples for your recommendation.**