

St. Theresa School 7th Grade

Summer Reading and Recitation List 2018



Reading:

Please choose and read at least one book each month of June and July, and the selected book for August. There will be a test or writing exercise on the August text when you come back to school in September. Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at Palatine Public Library!

Select and read two (2) – one in June and one in July:

Title	Author	Lex	Summary
Abe Lincoln Grows Up	Sandburg, Carl	1260	Drawn from the early chapters of Carl Sandburg's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years, this is the story of Abraham Lincoln's childhood. Growing up poor on the family farm, Abe did chores, helped his father cut down trees, and expertly skinned animals and cured hides. As a young man, he became an avid reader. When he witnessed a slave auction while on a flatboat trip down the Mississippi, he was forever changed—and so was the future of America. This is the remarkable story of Lincoln's youth, early America, and the pioneer life that shaped one of our country's greatest presidents.
Abigail Adams	Witter, Evelyn		The personal faith of America's second First Lady kept her strong in a young war-torn country.
Airborne: A Photobiography of Wilbur and Orville Wright	Collins, Mary		This is the inspiring photobiography of Wilbur and Orville Wright, whose determination and curiosity led them to create the first working airplane. Packed with intriguing photos of Wilbur and Orville Wright, their family, and their many experiments, this photobiography reveals the personalities and lives of these extraordinary young men who resolved those problems of flight that stumped the experts and built the first airplane that really could fly!
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass	Carroll, Lewis	1010	The original story of Alice in Wonderland.
Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates, Elizabeth	1090	This book is the story of an African man who was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts, where he was a slave until he was able to purchase his freedom.
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, Lucy Maud	990	Anne is whimsical, funny, endearing and often up to something with her big dreams and wild imagination.
Ballet Shoes	Streatfeild, Noel	950	In this story, three orphan girls vow to make a name for themselves and find their own special talents. With hard work, fame just may be in the stars!
Banner in the Sky	Ullman, James Ramsey	680	The Citadel. It stands unconquered, the last great summit of the Alps. Only one man has ever dared to approach the top, and that man died in his pursuit. He was Josef Matt, Rudi Matt's father. At sixteen, Rudi is determined to pay tribute to the man he never knew, and complete the quest that claimed his father's life.
Beyond the Burning Time	Lasky, Kathryn	970	When young Betty Parris contracts a mysterious ailment that spreads to other girls in her Puritan village of Salem, Betty and her family must confront the deadly superstitions that will change their lives.

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Borrowers, The	Norton, Mary	780	The Borrowers are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor. All their minuscule home furnishings, from postage stamp paintings to champagne cork chairs, are "borrowed" from the "human beans" who tromp around loudly above them. All is well until Pod is spotted upstairs by a human boy! Can the Clocks stay nested safely in their beloved hidden home, or will they be forced to flee?
Breadwinner, The	Ellis, Deborah	630	Eleven-year-old Parvana lives with her family in one room of a bombed-out apartment building in Kabul, Afghanistan's capital city. Parvana's father — a history teacher until his school was bombed and his health destroyed — works from a blanket on the ground in the marketplace, reading letters for people who cannot read or write. One day, he is arrested for the crime of having a foreign education, and the family is left without someone who can earn money or even shop for food. As conditions for the family grow desperate, only one solution emerges. Forbidden to earn money as a girl, Parvana must transform herself into a boy, and become the breadwinner.
Call it Courage	Sperry, Armstrong	830	Mafatu has been afraid of the sea for as long as he can remember. Though his father is the Great Chief of Hikuero - an island whose seafaring people worship courage - Mafatu feels like an outsider. All his life he has been teased, taunted, and even blamed for storms on the sea. Then at age fifteen, no longer willing to put up with the ridicule and jibes, Mafatu decides to take his fate into his own hands. With his dog, Uri, as his companion, Mafatu paddles out to sea, ready to face his fears. What he learns on his lonesome adventure will change him forever and make him a hero in the eyes of his people.
Call of the Wild, The	London, Jack	1120	A gripping tale of a heroic dog that, thrust into the brutal life of the Alaska Gold Rush, ultimately faces a choice between living in man's world and returning to nature
Captains Courageous	Kipling, Rudyard	1020	A spoiled rich boy is literally swept away — dashed overboard from an ocean liner. Luckily, young Harvey Cheyne is rescued by a passing fishing vessel. As it turns out, Harvey's apparent misfortune in tumbling from a life of pampered luxury into the humble company of a fishing schooner becomes a blessing in disguise. Compelled by the captain to earn his keep, Harvey loses his affectations as he learns the rewards of an honest day's labor amid the gruff and hearty companionship of the crewmen, who teach him to be worth his salt as they fish the waters off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.
Chronicles of Narnia - Any	Lewis, C.S.	850	Enchanting magical realms, epic battles between good and evil, and the unforgettable creatures of Narnia.
Custer and Crazy Horse	Razzi, Jim		Recounts the events in the lives of the Oglala Sioux chief and the United States Army officer who met at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876.
Day Lincoln Was Shot, The	Bishop, Jim	1020	The Day Lincoln Was Shot is a gripping, minute-by-minute account of April 14, 1865: the day President Abraham Lincoln was tragically assassinated. It chronicles the movements of Lincoln and his assassin John Wilkes Booth during every movement of that fateful day. Author and journalist Jim Bishop has fashioned an unforgettable tale of tragedy, more gripping than fiction, more alive than any newspaper account.
Door in the Wall, The	De Angeli, Marguerite	990	Set in the fourteenth century, the classic story of one boy's personal heroism when he loses the use of his legs.

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Fever 1793	Anderson, Laurie Halse	580	During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down.
Johnny Tremain	Forbes, Esther	840	Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper, The Boston Observer, and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington.
Julie of the Wolves	George, Jean Craighead	860	An unforgettable adventure about a girl who survives in the arctic with the help of a pack of wolves.
Jungle Book, The	Kipling, Rudyard	1140	Shere Khan the tiger has hunted a man cub, but the wolves have adopted him as their own and named him Mowgli (the frog). As Mowgli grows up, he is guided by Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther, who supported Mowgli's wolf parents in their desire to raise Mowgli.
Killer Angels, The	Shaara, Michael	610	In the four most bloody and courageous days of our nation's history, two armies fought for two conflicting dreams. One dreamed of freedom, the other of a way of life. Far more than rifles and bullets were carried into battle. There were memories. There were promises. There was love. And far more than men fell on those Pennsylvania fields. Bright futures, untested innocence, and pristine beauty were also the casualties of war.
King Solomon's Mines	Haggard, H. Rider	1230	The thrilling saga of elephant hunter Allan Quatermain and his search for fabled treasure is more than just an adventure story, though: As Alexandra Fuller explains in her Introduction, in its vivid portrayal of the alliances and battles of white colonials and African tribesmen, King Solomon's Mines "brings us the world of extremes, of the absurdly tall tales and of the illogical loyalty between disparate people that still informs this part of the world."
Little Princess, A	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	520	Alone in a new country, wealthy Sara Crewe tries to settle in and make friends at boarding school. But when she learns that she'll never see her beloved father again, her life is turned upside down. Transformed from princess to pauper, she must swap dancing lessons and luxury for hard work and a room in the attic. Will she find that kindness and generosity are all the riches she truly needs?
Long Way from Chicago, A	Peck, Richard	750	Join Joey and his sister Mary Alice as they spend nine unforgettable summers with the worst influence imaginable-their grandmother!
Man Who Was Poe, The	Avi	600	It is night and Edmund is all alone. His mother is gone. His sister has disappeared. Edmund has no one, except for a dark and mysterious stranger who follows him through the cold and shadowy city with offers of help. But who is this stranger who gives Edmund refuge? He has a mission of his own and he needs Edmund, but he tells him nothing of his purpose. Yet the stranger is Edmund's only hope of discovering the dark secrets that surround the disappearance of his family...
My Brother Sam Is Dead	Collier, James Lincoln	770	Young Tim sees his 16-year-old brother join the militia to fight the British, while his father tries to remain loyal to the crown. Their hometown of Redding Ridge, Connecticut is a Tory town, and it is a constant struggle for the family to remain neutral. As the war progresses, Tim has to learn some very hard lessons: Life does not always follow the easiest and happiest course.

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My Side of the Mountain	George, Jean Craighead	810	Fifteen-year-old Sam Gribley has decided to run away from home, but unlike most kids, Sam goes from New York City all the way to the ruined farm of Great grandfather Gribley in the Catskill Mountains. There are no buildings or people on the old Gribley farm, so Sam sets up residence by hollowing out the trunk of an ancient Hemlock tree. He has brought only a few tools of survival with him. Using these simple tools and his wits, Sam learns to live off the land, and discovers just how much he values freedom, independence, and adventure when faced with the challenges of blizzards, loneliness and fear.
The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey	Stewart, Trenton Lee	840	With only one week to find a captured Mr. Benedict, the gifted foursome faces their greatest challenge of all--a challenge that will reinforce the reasons they were brought together in the first place and will require them to fight for the very namesake that united them.
Mystery of the Roman Ransom	Winterfield, Henry	660	In these two delightful history-mysteries, seven boys in Ancient Rome solve strange crimes . . . thanks to some help from their cranky teacher, a little bit of logic, and a lot of amusing misadventure. It seems the boys can get nothing right: Their teacher's fiftieth birthday is "long "past (they should have done their math homework); the servant they bought as a present for his birthday isn't just your run-of-the-mill Gaul slave but a courier running for his life; and, to top it all off, the message he's carrying requests the assassination of a Roman senator--the father of one of the boys.
Numbering All the Bones	Rinaldi, Ann	590	The Civil War is at an end, but for thirteen-year-old Eulinda, it is no time to rejoice. Her younger brother Zeke was sold, her older brother Neddy joined the Northern war effort, and her master will not acknowledge that Eulinda is his daughter. Her mettle is additionally tested when she realizes her brother Neddy might be buried in the now-closed Andersonville Prison where soldiers were kept in torturous conditions. With the help of Clara Barton, the eventual founder of the Red Cross, Eulinda must find a way to let go of the skeletons from her past.
On to Oregon	Morrow, Honore	980	The epic journey of the Sager children by covered wagon from Missouri to Oregon in 1848.
Rifles for Watie	Keith, Harold	910	In the Indian country south of Kansas there was dread in the air; and the name, Stand Watie, was on every tongue. A hero to the rebel, a devil to the Union man, Stand Watie led the Cherokee Indian Nation fearlessly and successfully on savage raids behind the Union lines. Jeff came to know the Watie men only too well.
Secret Garden, The	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	970	After the sudden death of her parents in India, Mary Lennox is sent 'home' to England, and the Yorkshire estate of a distant relative. Sad and lonely, her only interest lies in a secret garden, abandoned after a tragic accident. With the help of local the country boy Dickon and Colin, her guardian's invalid son, Mary's spirit is reawakened as they bring the garden back to life. Now Mary will discover that miracles can happen, and that magic is real.
Shakespeare Stealer, The	Blackwood, Gary	840	Steal Shakespeare's play Hamlet... or else. That's the order from his fearsome master. And fourteen-year-old Widge — a poor orphan with the rare ability to write a unique coded shorthand — has no choice but to follow orders. So Widge works his way into the Globe Theatre, where Shakespeare's troupe rehearses and performs. The players take him in and treat him as one of their own. Afraid to disappoint his master, but unwilling to betray his new friends, Widge is torn. Will he secretly copy down the lines? Until he decides, he must play the part of his life.

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Summer of the Monkeys	Rawls, Wilson	810	Fourteen-year-old Jay tries to recover a group of wily monkeys escaped from a circus train with the hope that the reward will buy him the gun and pony he has wanted for so long.
True Grit	Portis, Charles	800	Pursuing a cunning murderer who has escaped with his band deep into Indian Territory, U.S. Marshal Rooster J. Cogburn teams up with a bounty-hunting Texas Ranger and a cantankerous youth who is bent on revenge.
Where the Lilies Bloom	Cleaver, Vera and Bill Cleaver	920	Set in the Appalachian hills, the story -- narrated by 14-year-old Mary Call -- tells of her efforts to keep her family together and independent after their sharecropper father dies
Wind in the Willows, The	Grahame, Kenneth	630	When Mole and Rat visit Badger in the Wild Wood, they tell Badger about Toad's problem with buying and smashing up cars. After Badger decides the friends must lock Toad in his room, an adventure begins for Toad that should change his ways for sure.
Witch of Blackbird Pond, The	Speare, Elizabeth George	850	Kit Tyler is marked by suspicion and disapproval from the moment she arrives on the unfamiliar shores of colonial Connecticut in 1867. Alone and desperate, she has been forced to leave her beloved home on the island of Barbados and join a family she has never met. Torn between her quest for belonging and her desire to be true to herself, Kit struggles to survive in a hostile place.
Woodsong	Paulsen, Gary	1090	Parvana lives in Afghanistan in the time of the Taliban and must disguise herself as a boy to help her family survive.
Wrinkle in Time, A	L'Engle, Madeleine	740	It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract."

Read in August:

This book needs to be purchased in paperback read in August and brought to school for analysis in ELA during the first weeks of school. Please purchase: Dover Thrift Edition ISBN-13: 978-0486266886 or ISBN-10: 0486266885. This is available on Amazon for about \$3.00. Please contact Mrs. Ballard or Mrs. Maday if you have any questions!

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Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The	Stevenson, Robert Louis	1040	Dr. Jekyll has been experimenting with identity. He has developed a drug which separates the two sides of his nature, allowing him to abandon himself to his most corrupt inclinations as the monstrous Mr. Hyde. But gradually the journey back to goodness becomes more and more difficult, and the risk that Mr. Hyde will break free from Dr. Jekyll's control puts all of London in grave peril.

Recitation:

Please learn from memory one of the selected poems and the Hail Holy Queen. You will be asked to recite both during the first week of school.

Poems

On Natural Rights by John Locke

“The state of nature has a law of nature to govern it, which obliges every one: and reason, which is that law, teaches all mankind, who will but consult it, that being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty, or possessions... (and) when his own preservation comes not in competition, ought he, as much as he can, to preserve the rest of mankind, and may not, unless it be to do justice on an offender, take away, or impair the life, or what tends to the preservation of the life, the liberty, health, limb, or goods of another”

The New Colossus by Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame,
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure.

We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

O Captain! my Captain!

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won,
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;
But O heart! heart! heart!
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribboned wreaths—for you the shores a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;
Here Captain! dear father!
This arm beneath your head!
It is some dream that on the deck
You've fallen cold and dead.

My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will.
The ship is anchored safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;
Exult O shores, and ring O bells!
But I, with mournful tread,
Walk the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

Prayer

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our
sweetness, and our hope, to thee do we cry, poor
banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of
mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show
unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray
for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made
worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.