

St. Catherine of Siena School
Summer Reading Lists: Summer 2010
Course Reading: 2010-2011 School Year

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Concerned Adults:

On the following pages you will find the books for summer reading, divided by grade level. Additionally, the books that students will read in class during the school year (“course reading”) are also included.

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Thank you,

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Entering Sixth Grade

Summer Reading

The following book is mandatory:

Title	Author
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko

Summer Reading

Read one of the following books:

Title	Author
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman
Inkheart	Cornelia Caroline Funke
Any of the Percy Jackson series	Rick Riordan
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Fever 1793	Laurie Hulse Anderson
Swindle	Gordon Korman
The Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech
Heat	Mike Lupica

Course Reading (Non-Honors)

These books are required and will be read during the school year:

Title	Author
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963	Christopher Paul Curtis
The Seer of Shadows	Avi

Course Reading (Honors)

These books are required and will be read during the school year:

Title	Author
The Pearl	John Steinbeck
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
Complete Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe	Edgar Allan Poe
The Seer of Shadows	Avi

**** book versions will be suggested at the start of the year by the teacher**

Entering Sixth Grade Summer Reading Activities

A written test will be administered after the first week of school on the mandatory summer reading book, Al Capone Does My Shirts.

Additionally, choose a book to read from the summer reading list and complete one of the following activities.

1. Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc. would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles. **YOU MAY ONLY USE BOOKS WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN MADE INTO MOVIES.**
2. Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.
3. Write about one of the character's life twenty years from now.
4. Write a one sentence summary of each chapter and illustrate the sentence.
5. Write the plot for a sequel to this book.
6. Design a book jacket for the book.
7. Interview a character from your book. Write at least 10 questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. However you choose to present your interview is up to you.
8. Write a feature article (with a headline) that tells the story of the book as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.
9. Create a mini-comic book detailing and illustrating the book.