

June 2018

Dear Desert Chapel Students,

Over the summer break, it is tremendously beneficial that you continue to read. In preparation for the upcoming school year, students will have the assignment of reading **two (2)** books over the course of the summer.

Instructions:

- The first book under each grade is **Required Reading** (marked by an asterisk*). Attached is a Reading Log on which to record your progress. You are required to write a brief summary for each chapter in the book (one form per chapter). Use complete sentences, clearly communicate how the plot unfolds in the chapter, and use descriptive language. You will submit your completed forms on the first day of school. It will constitute your first grade in Language Arts.
 - You may choose **one** other book to read. Listed below are suggested selections. Do not pick one that you have read before. Read the book in its entirety.
 - Be prepared in the first week of classes to be assigned a project or essay that assesses your understanding of your chosen novel. Again, this also will be an initial grade for Language Arts.
 - Bring both books to school on the first day, along with signed parental permission form and your Required Reading Log and Chapter Summary forms.
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The chosen book you select is at you and your parents' discretion; however, we expect that you will choose a book that reflects your reading level and that is appropriate for our school. Please select a novel that you have not already read. All novels read as part of a classroom curriculum are not acceptable. Middle school books should be at least 150 pages in length. High school books should be at least 250 pages in length.

Plan wisely in order to finish both books in time. Enjoy your reading over the summer. We are looking forward to an excellent school year next year!

In Him,



Mrs. Michele Ingram
Academic Coordinator

2018 Summer Reading List

6th Grade

***Required: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis**

Left Behind –The Kids Series (any book in the series) by Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

7th Grade

***Required: *The Horse and His Boy* by C.S. Lewis**

Little Women or *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott

The Door in the Wall by Marguerite DeAngeli

The Hunger Games – any book in the trilogy – by Suzanne Collins

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

8th Grade

***Required: *Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis**

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

White Fang by Jack London

9th Grade

***Required: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis**

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

This Present Darkness or *Piercing the Darkness* by Frank Peretti

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

10th Grade

***Required: *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis**

Night by Elie Weisel

Animal Farm by George Orwell

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

The Shack by William P. Young

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

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11th Grade

***Required: *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis**

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

12th Grade

***Required: *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis**

The Testament by John Grisham

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Emma by Jane Austen

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The following books are not acceptable for this program:

- The Harry Potter Series
- The Twilight Series
- Any books dealing with subject matter that is not in alignment with the message of our school. If you have questions, please contact the school office for guidance.

2018 Summer Reading List

Student Name:

Grade Level:

Book #1

Title:

Author:

of Pages in book:

Book #2

Title:

Author:

of Pages in book:

I give permission for my child to read the aforementioned books.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

