

REQUIRED SUMMER READING 2020 RISING 7TH GRADERS



Summer reading is essential to maintaining your reading skills. It is my hope that you will find the books listed below fun to read. Enjoy!

All incoming 7th graders are required to read at least one novel of their choosing over the summer. After reading your book, choose one of the formats below to create a book talk that will be presented at the start of the school year. Be sure to follow all directions for completing your book talk.

Below is a list of titles if you are looking for a recommendation, but it is not necessary for your chosen book to come from this list.

- The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien ‘
- Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
- Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt
- Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson
- Once upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris
- Powerless by Matthew Cody
- Crash by Jerry Spinelli
- Small Steps by Louis Sachar (sequel to Holes)
- Taking Sides by Gary Soto
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Seraphina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty
- We Beat the Street by Sampson Davis
- Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- Chasing King’s Killer by James L. Swansen

Option 1: Google Slides Book Talk: Create a Google Slides presentation, based on your reading of your chosen book. You may choose the layout, fonts, colors, and images that you include, however, to receive full credit, you must have all of the required slides with all of the listed criteria.

- Slide 1: title and author of your book, a picture of the book’s cover, your first and last name, your grade
- Slide 2: an objective summary of the book - just the basics, no opinions
- Slide 3: a detailed description of the main character and an image that represents that character, based on the novel, as well as an explanation of why the symbol you chose represents the character.
 - For example, if you read Harry Potter, the image representing him might be his glasses or a lightning bolt.
- Slide 4: Your most and least favorite parts of the book and why
- Slide 5: Would you recommend this book to your classmates? Why or why not?

Option 2: Flipgrid Book Talk: Go to the link below and record a flipgrid video that includes all of the following information, based on your reading of your chosen novel. You may get creative with your selfie, the sticker options, and the other editing choices available, but in order to receive full credit, you need to include ALL of the following criteria as part of your video.

NOTE: There is a 10 minute time limit for your video, so it may be helpful to take notes before you start recording to make sure you use your time effectively.

If you are a new student to St. Agnes and want to choose this option for your book talk, you will be able to record your video once your St. Agnes account is set up. In the meantime, you can prepare your notes for what you will say in your video.

1. Click this link: [7th Grade Summer Reading Flipgrid](#)
2. Include the following criteria in your video:
 - a. Your first and last name, your grade
 - b. The title and author of the book
 - c. A summary of the book
 - d. Your most and least favorite character in the novel and why
 - e. Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not?

The first novel we will read in 7th grade is *The Outsiders*. Students will need to bring a copy of this book to school at the start of the new year. They are NOT required to read this over the summer.

This will be your first graded assignment of 7th grade, so put in your best effort! Your book talks will be shared during the first weeks of school. **HAPPY READING!**