

Dear Middle School Parent,

With the school year coming to an end, it is time to think about summer reading! As a department, we firmly believe that reading helps students build vocabulary, grammatical awareness, and writing skills. Most importantly, we believe that reading is fun. In the words of the poet Dr. Seuss, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” As such, we have designed a new and exciting summer reading program to encourage students to read!

This summer, all incoming students must read at least three books (personal copy or from the library) and complete a book report for each book read. We have enclosed a copy of the book report form they will need to complete. These three book reports will be graded and included in the student’s first term grade for English.

These books must be in English, primarily written text (no graphic novels), contain multiple chapters, and be at least 100 pages in length. These three books must be read during the summer and not a report on a book read during the school year. Books may be fiction or nonfiction, but they should challenge the student either in content or vocabulary. While not limited to the books in this list, the following link provides an example of books that are popular in middle school:

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/1606.Top_100_Middle_School_Must_Reads

If a student reads five or more books total, the student receives a reading achievement certificate.

Have a wonderful summer, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The Cornerstone Academy Middle School English Department

Summer Reading Book Report

Student Name: *First name Last name* _____

2023-2024 Academic Year - Student Grade: *circle* 6 7 8

1. **Book Title:** _____

2. **Book Author:** _____

3. **Genre** (type of book) *check one box*

Fantasy Science Fiction Historical Fiction Mystery Adventure Humor

Biography/Autobiography Historical Non-fiction

4. **Synopsis** (Summary) *Write five complete sentences identifying the theme, the setting, the main characters, and the plot. Tell me about the book but don't give away the ending!*

5. **Favorite part of the book** (Opinion) *Write five complete sentences identifying what you really liked about the book.*

6. **Recommendation** (rating) *Write one complete sentence identifying who would enjoy, or benefit from, reading this book.*
