

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 five 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 five 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 five 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

BOOK REPORT

Name: _____

Grade in Fall:

Book Title: _____

Author:

of Pages:

Date Started: _____

Date Finished: _____

1. Who are the main characters?
2. Where did the story take place?
3. Describe the plot of the story in one paragraph.
4. Identify the conflict in the story. (Is it Man vs. Man, Man vs. Nature, or Man vs. Self)
5. What have you learned from reading the story?
6. On a scale of 1 - 10 (with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent) how would you rate the book? Explain your answer.

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	Author	Book Title	Number of Pages	Date Completed	Did you enjoy your book?	Parent Signature
1*					Yes No	
2*					Yes No	
3*					Yes No	
4*					Yes No	
5*					Yes No	
6*					Yes No	
7*					Yes No	
8					Yes No	
9					Yes No	
10					Yes No	

Reminders:

1. You are required to read five books at an appropriate reading level.
2. Please consult the recommended reading list at (<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-reading-list>) when choosing your five reading books. If your five books do not meet the approval of your English teacher, you may be asked to read additional books during the school year. If you have a question about a book, please contact Mr. Arthur at dan.arthur@cornerstone-academy.net.
3. You are encouraged to read additional books over the summer! If you reach 5 or more books total, you will receive a reading achievement certificate.
4. For additional reading log pages, please see the website (<https://www.cornerstone-academy.net/summer-reading>).

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11.					Yes No	
12.					Yes No	
13.					Yes No	
14.					Yes No	
15.					Yes No	
16.					Yes No	
17.					Yes No	
18.					Yes No	
19.					Yes No	
20.					Yes No	
21.					Yes No	
22.					Yes No	
23.					Yes No	
24.					Yes No	
25.					Yes No	