

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 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 2024 Middle School Book Report

1. **Book Title:** _____

2. **Number of Pages:** _____ **Book Author:** _____

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

Fiction: Realistic/Contemporary Fiction Historical Fiction Fantasy Science Fiction
 Mystery Other Fiction

Nonfiction: Instructional Historical Non-fiction Biography/Autobiography/Memoir Other Non-fiction

4. **Brief Plot Summary:** What is the book about? Summarize the plot of the book in eight to ten complete sentences.

5. **Favorite Scene:** (Opinion) Describe with details the setting of your favorite scene in the book. Be sure to include where and who this scene is taking place. Write in complete sentences.

Student Name: _____ 2024-2025 Grade Level: _____

6. Conflict and Resolution: Describe the major probe in the story which the protagonist (central character) must overcome and describe how the problem was solved. Be specific. Write in complete sentences.

7. What is one thing would change about the story?

8. If you would recommend this book, who would you recommend this book to? If you would not recommend this book, why not?
