

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 10 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

Student Name / Grade entering:

Book Title / Author/ Number of Pages:

Date Started/ Date Completed:

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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