



Summer Reading Book Chat Guidelines

Summer Reading for Students Entering 6th Grade

We are excited that you will be coming to Westminster in the fall. Students are required to complete a summer reading assignment, and you will find the information below. Reading can take you to new worlds. We hope you discover wonderful places this summer.

This summer, you are to read a total of 3 books:

- a. Required book: *D'aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*. Students should check a copy out from the Upper School office prior to summer break. No substitutions are allowed. They should read the book in its entirety.
- b. One novel from the Selection Novel List - attached to this sheet.
- c. One novel of your choice, per parental approval. This novel should be a book that you have not previously read, and it should be appropriate for your reading level.

For "b" and "c", students will give a book chat on one of the books. During the first week of school, the teacher will help the student select which book will be used for a book chat. Using the verification form, parents should "sign off" that their child has completed all of the summer reading.

Students may read aloud with parents or friends and may discuss what they are reading with each other.

Students may use notes during the presentation.

Name:

Date:

Book Title:

Author:

Checklist:

___ Brought copy of book for presentation (optional)

___ Told 5 facts about the author

___ Summarized book in 3 minutes or less

___ Characterized main character/discussed changes he/she experienced in novel

___ Explained theme/point of book

___ Chose quotation from book and explained why it was chosen and how it fits with story

___ Explained with good reasons why you liked or disliked the book

Selection Novel List 6th Grade

TITLE	AUTHOR
<i>100 Cupboards*</i>	Wilson, N.D.
<i>The Amazing Mr. Blunden</i>	Barber, Antonia
<i>The Black Stallion*</i>	Farley, Walter
<i>Bud Not Buddy</i>	Curtis, Christopher
<i>Carrie's War</i>	Bawden, Nina
<i>Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl*</i>	Feinstein, John
<i>Detectives in Togas</i>	Winterfield, Henry
<i>Escape from Warsaw</i>	Serrallier, Ian
<i>Incident at Hawk's Hill</i>	Eckert, Allan
<i>The Incredible Journey</i>	Burnford, Sheila
<i>The Magic Bicycle *</i>	Bibee, John
<i>Masterpiece</i>	Broach, Elise
<i>Moon Over Manifest</i>	Vanderpool, Clare
<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>	Konigsburg, E.L.
<i>The Ordinary Princess</i>	Kaye, M. M.
<i>The Pushcart War</i>	Merrill, Jean
<i>Rascal</i>	North, Sterling
<i>The Railway Children</i>	Nesbit, Edith
<i>The Red House Mystery</i>	Milne, A. A.
<i>Redwall Series*</i>	Jacques, Brian
<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>	Broach, Elise
<i>Treasures of the Snow</i>	St. John, Patricia*

The Unteachables

Korman, Gordon

The Westing Game

Raskin, Ellen

***Any title from this series or author is acceptable.**

Any biographical title is acceptable.

READING VERIFICATION FORM

This form is due the first day of school. It should be turned in to your English teacher.

1. I read the following book from the WCA Selection Novel List.

TITLE

AUTHOR

2. I read the following book as my book-of-choice for summer reading.

TITLE

AUTHOR

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:
