



St. Leonard School
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Elementary Summer Reading Program

Dear Incoming Grade 6-8 Students and Parents:

Summer is a great time to relax, have fun and read a good book. Reading over the summer is critical to helping maintain good reading skills. The purpose of the St. Leonard School's Summer Reading Program is to encourage and promote reading independently, reading for fun, and encourage a lifelong habit of reading. We have set a goal for 100% participation by SLS students in our summer reading program.

Summer Reading Requirements

	Required Reading
Future 6 th Graders	Must read 3 books: 1 teacher choice and 2 student choice. Teacher Choice: <u>Al Capone Does My Shirts</u> by Gennifer Choldenko
Future 7 th Graders	Must read 3 books: 1 teacher choice and 2 student choice. Teacher Choice: <u>The Outsiders</u> by SE Hinton
Future 8 th Graders	Must read 2 books: 1 teacher choice and 1 student choice. Teacher Choice: <u>Fever 1793</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson

After completing the required reading, students are to answer questions from the fiction/non-fiction reading response list. Additional copies can be made prior to completing or the forms will be available on the school's web site under summer reading.

A good reading goal for middle school students is a set reading time of at least 20 minutes per day, and approximately one book every two weeks, depending

on their reading level and the length and difficulty of the book. Students should read the required book for their grade level and two books of their choice.

Listed below are more ideas and suggestions to make reading fun this summer:

- Set a goal for a total number of books to read.
- Read the same book as a friend or family member and spend time talking about it.
- Write an online review of a book through the WPL Teen Summer Reading program.
- Download an audio version of a book (on an ipod or mp3 player) or check out an audiobook from the library and listen to the story.
- Organize a book swap with other friends.
- Read a travel guide or a story set in any places visited this summer.

We hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Veronica Skelton Cash
Principal

Directions: After finishing a required reading make sure to answer 5 questions using complete sentences. Use supporting detail from reading to support answer. Don't forget to add the title of the book and author! Happy Reading!

Fiction Responses

1. What character do you like the most in your book? Why?
2. What do you predict will happen next in this story? What information in the text helped you make that prediction?
3. What is the main problem of the story? If you know, how was the problem solved?
4. Would you like to be a character in this story? Why or why not?
5. How do you feel about this story? Would you recommend it to someone else? Why or why not?
6. Summarize what you read today. What were the most important events? Did you learn anything new about the characters?
7. Is what you read believable? Why or why not?
8. Pretend you are interviewing the main character of the story. What two questions would you ask them?
9. If you could trade places with one of the characters, who would it be? Why?
10. Is there anything you would change about this story? What would it be? Why would you change it?

Non Fiction Responses

1. What is the selection you read mainly about?
2. What did you learn while reading?
3. Why did the author probably write this selection? How do you know?
4. What was the main idea of what you read? What were the supporting details that told you more about the main idea?
5. How and where could you find out more information about the topic read about today?
6. What else would you like to know about the topic you read about?
7. Were there any text features that helped you better understand your reading? What were they and how did they help you?
8. What did you find interesting about this selection?
9. What do you remember most about the selection you read?
10. Did you find an interesting word in this selection? What was it? Use a dictionary to find out its meaning and write a sentence of your own using that word.