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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for assisting me in making summer reading a priority and habit for your son! Summer reading is a valuable experience and research has proven that boys who read over the summer raise their interest, awareness, and fluency with daily reading.

A *suggested* reading list (below) addresses all reading levels. Please review the list so you may select the most appropriate books for your son's growth and pleasure. The mandatory summer reading selected for each grade are as follows. Here is a link with author biographies, interviews, awards, and audio excerpts: <https://www.teachingbooks.net/qldeojb>

- Fifth grade: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown & *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin
- Sixth grade: *Soar* by Joan Bauer & *Charlie Hernandez* & *The League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo
- Both grades: *Scholastic Student Thesaurus* (ISBN-13: 978-0439025881) & *The American Heritage Children's Dictionary* (ISBN - 10: 1328787354)

After reading the selections above, the boys will pick their favorite scene and write a paragraph describing how the author uses one of the following areas to bring a character to life. The paragraph must be typed, have an opening sentence introducing the scene, at least 3 details, with an ending sentence.

- Setting – How does the author use the elements of time and place to bring the character to life?
- Influences – How does the author use events, friends, or family to bring a character to life?
- Positive and negative choices & outcomes – How does the character's choice reflect or not reflect Sacred Heart goals?

For fall, books selected per grade for incoming Fifth and Sixth graders are as follows.

- Fifth grade: *Holes* by Louis Sachar, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory: A Play* by Roald Dahl, *The Drawing Lesson* by Mark Crilley
- Sixth grade: *The Black Pearl* by Scott O'Dell, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *Shaken: The Young Reader's Edition* by Tim Tebow

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly via email, fmitchell@theregisschool.org.

Kindest regards,
Ms. Mitchell

TITLE	AUTHOR	MIGHT ALSO LIKE
Fiction		
<i>The Forbidden Stone</i>	Tony Abbott	<i>The Postcard</i>
<i>The Playbook</i>	Kwame Alexander	<i>The Crossover</i>
<i>Goblin Secrets</i>	William Alexander	<i>A Festival of Ghosts</i>
<i>Crenshaw</i>	Katherine Applegate	<i>The One & Only Ivan</i>
<i>Soar</i>	Joan Bauer	<i>Hope was Here</i>
<i>The Wild Robot Escapes</i>	Peter Brown	
<i>Aru Shah & the End of Time</i>	Roshani Chokshi	<i>Aru Shah</i> series
<i>Charlie Hernandez & the Castle of Bones</i>	Ryan Calejo	
<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	Gennifer Choldenko	<i>Al Capone Shines My Shoes</i>
<i>New Kid</i>	Jerry Craft	<i>The Zero Degree Zombie Zone</i>
<i>The Watson's Go to Birmingham</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	<i>Mighty Miss Malone</i>
<i>The Rhino in Right Field</i>	Stacy DeKeyser	<i>Sacagawea</i>
<i>Flora & Ulysses</i>	Kate DiCamillo	<i>Because of Winn Dixie, Raymie Nightingale, Mercy Watson</i> series
<i>The City of Ember</i>	Jeanne DuPrau	<i>Car Trouble</i>
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George	<i>On the Far Side of the Mountain</i>
<i>Space Case</i>	Stuart Gibbs	<i>Spy School</i>
<i>Call it Courage</i>	Armstrong Sperry	<i>All Sail Set</i>
<i>The Forgotten Warrior</i>	Erin Hunter	
<i>The Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe</i>	C.S. Lewis	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> series
<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London	<i>Pax</i> by Sara Pennypacker
<i>Tight</i>	Torrey Maldano	
<i>Apothecary</i>	Maile Meloy	<i>The Apprentices</i>
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell	
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen	<i>Dogsong</i>
<i>Ali Cross</i>	James Patterson	<i>Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life</i>
<i>Demigods & Magicians</i>	Rick Riordan	<i>Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief</i> or <i>The Hidden Oracle</i>
<i>Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone</i>	J.K. Rowling	<i>Harry Potter</i> series
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	<i>Echo</i>
<i>Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom</i>	Louis Sachar	
<i>Call it Courage</i>	Armstrong Sperry	
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Jerry Spinelli	
<i>The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade</i>	Jordan Sonnenblick	
<i>Treasure Island: The Graphic Novel</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson	<i>The Adventure Collection, A Child's Garden of Verses</i>
<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	Trenton Lee Stewart	

<i>The Hidden Kingdom: The Graphic Novel</i>	Tui T. Sutherland	<i>Wings of Fire</i> series
<i>The Dragonet Prophecy: The Graphic Novel</i>	Tui T. Sutherland	<i>Wings of Fire</i> series
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>	Jules Verne	
Non-Fiction		
<i>The Pony Express</i>	Peter Anderson	
<i>Mrs. Bixby's Last Day</i>	John David Anderson	
<i>Terrible Typhoid Mary: The True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America</i>	Susan Campbell Bartoletti	
<i>Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of WWI's Bravest Dog</i>	Anne Bausum	
<i>Birth of the Cool: How Miles Davis Found His Sound</i>	Kathleen Berman and Keith Brown	
<i>Eye of the Storm: Nasa, Drones, and the Race to Crack the Hurricane Code</i>	Amy Cherrix	
<i>The Family Romanov</i>	Candace Fleming	
<i>Little Legends: Exceptional Black Men in History</i>	Vashti Harrison	<i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i>
<i>Kid Scientists</i>	David Stabler	<i>Kid Authors, Kid Artists, Kid Presidents</i>
<i>Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall</i>	Anita Silvey	
<i>The Story of E.B. White</i>	Melissa Sweet	
<i>A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired the Nation</i>	Barry Wittenstein	<i>The Boo-Boos That Changed the World</i>
Poetry		
<i>Love That Dog</i>	Sharon Creech	
<i>Flicker Flash</i>	Nancy Davis & Joan Graham	
<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i>	Paul Fleischman	
<i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i>	Fred Rogers	
<i>Falling Up</i>	Shel Silverstein	
<i>A Giraffe & a Half</i>	Shel Silverstein	
<i>The Day the Universe Exploded in My Head</i>	Allan Wolf	