

CCS Middle School Summer Reading List *Rising 7th Grade*

Each student must read the following:

J. Verne Around the World in 80 Days

Each student must read one of the following works of fiction:

R. Bradbury	<u>The Martian Chronicles</u>
W. Cather	<u>My Antonia</u>
A. Clarke	<u>2001: A Space Odyssey</u>
A. Christie	<u>Ten Little Indians</u>
D. Defoe	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u>
E. Hamilton	<u>Mythology</u>
K. Hesse	<u>Out of the Dust</u>
R. Kipling	<u>Kim</u>
C. S. Lewis	<u>Out of the Silent Planet</u>
	<u>Perelandra</u>
	<u>That Hideous Strength</u>
J. London	<u>White Fang</u>
C. McCullers	<u>The Member of the Wedding</u>
A. Miller	<u>The Crucible (play)</u>
W. Saroyan	<u>The Human Comedy</u>
R. L. Stevenson	<u>Kidnapped</u>
	<u>Treasure Island</u>
H. B. Stowe	<u>Uncle Tom's Cabin</u>
M. Taylor	<u>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</u>
A. P. Terhune	<u>Lad: A Dog</u>
J. Verne	<u>Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea</u>
	<u>Journey to the Center of the Earth</u>
H. G. Wells	<u>The Time Machine</u>
	<u>The War of the Worlds</u>
T. Wilder	<u>Our Town (play)</u>
P. G. Wodehouse	<u>Leave It to Psmith</u>

Each student must read one of the following works of non-fiction:

E. Allen	<u>Narrative of Colonel Ethan Allen</u>
J. Bakeless, editor	<u>The Journals of Lewis and Clark</u>
E. Elliot	<u>Through Gates of Splendor</u>
K. Forbes	<u>Mama's Bank Account</u>
G. Foster	<u>George Washington's World</u>
J. Hersey	<u>Hiroshima</u>
P. Jenkins	<u>Walk across America</u>
C. Ludwig	<u>Michael Faraday: Father of Electronics</u>
J. McPherson	<u>Ocean of Truth: The Story of Sir Isaac Newton</u>
J. Stuart	<u>The Thread That Runs So True</u>
W. Wurmbrand	<u>Tortured for Christ</u>

CCS Middle School Summer Reading List ***Instructions, Rising 7th Grade***

All incoming middle schoolers must read three books they've never read before. Seventh and eighth graders must read one required book and choose two others, one from each list. REVIEW THE LISTS CAREFULLY TO BE SURE YOU ARE CHOOSING THE RIGHT NUMBER OF BOOKS FROM THE RIGHT LISTS.

- ❑ What's my written assignment?

For each book, you must write a book report in the following format:

- 300-400 words in length
- Typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font OR handwritten in cursive
- Name, date, and title in top left corner
- In blue or black ink
- Double-spaced
- One-sided
- Stapled

Your report must include three paragraphs: the introduction, the body, and the conclusion. These paragraphs must include the following:

- The Introduction (title, author, genre, theme, and opinion of the book)
- The Body (summary of main points and/or key events)
- The Conclusion (restatement of opinion, thoughts about the book – positive or negative)

- ❑ When are the book reports due?

Reports are due on the third day of school.

- ❑ Where can I find the books?

Any book vendor will do, as long as the books are complete and unabridged. Nothing from the “Illustrated Classics” series is allowed! Below are a few suggested sources.

- Barnes and Noble
- Borders Books and Music
- The Book Nook (used) on Roswell Rd.
- Public library
- www.amazon.com
- www.bestbookbuys.com

- ❑ What if I don't like the book?

You must read the book from the required list, regardless of how you feel about it. However, feel free to hunt for a book you like from the other lists. If you get to the third or fourth chapter and still can't get into it, put it aside and choose another.

- ❑ May I just watch the movie?

No! Reading a book and watching a film are two completely different experiences. Don't be fooled into thinking you know the story just from the movie. Books are much more detailed and often differ greatly from their film versions. Read the book before seeing the movie. Then you can intelligently observe the changes and decide whether or not the filmmakers made good choices in adapting the original. Parents should view the films first for any inappropriate content.