

Summer Reading

2010 Grades 6-8

This summer SJS students in the upper school, grades 6, 7 & 8, *are encouraged* to spend at least thirty minutes each day reading; this can include newspapers and magazines along with books. You will not be keeping a calendar or log for summer reading.

Upper school has *two reading requirements* for summer reading. The first is a required grade level book. This book will be used to start literature in the fall. While reading this book you are expected to create 10 comprehension questions that will be due on Friday, August 13, 2010. During the first full week of school you will also take the AR test for the book. *Because you will be taking an AR test, it would be a good idea to read this required book in August.*

REQUIRED BOOK:

GRADE 6 *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor

AR 4pt

GRADE 7 *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

AR 7pt

GRADE 8 *Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls AR 13pt

Here are the guidelines for your second book for 6th and 7th grade:

GRADE 6 **mystery** of your choice

GRADE 7 **historical fiction** of your choice

Please complete a written [or typed] report. Your first paragraph will include the name of the book, the author, and why you selected the book. The body of your report should also include a story summary, a character sketch of your favorite character and your personal review or recommendation for this book.

Here are the expectations for the second book for 8th grade:

GRADE 8 **nonfiction** book relating to history...something you could use for research for your history fair project.

You will also turn in a written report. Your first paragraph will include the name of the book, the author, and why you selected the book or topic. You will organize the body of your report to highlight the topic or purpose of the book. [For example, this could include a biographical sketch, a timeline or key facts relating to the topic.] Your report will end with a personal review.

These written reports are all due the week of August 16, 2010.