

7TH Grade Summer Reading 2026

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Dear Incoming 7th Graders and Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome you to seventh grade ELA at Saint Ann School! Through literature, there are always opportunities to learn and grow. As your future seventh grade ELA teacher, I highly encourage you to continue to *learn and think* during the summer months even when you are not in a physical classroom. I want you to travel to new places and meet new people. You can do this in your books!

What should you read?

For your summer reading, you will need to read at least two books. One book should be a **choice non-fiction book** and the second book you will read is also **your choice** and can be any **fiction book**.

How do I find a "free choice independent book" that I will enjoy?

Sometimes, the best way to find interesting books is to talk to other readers. Friends, family and teachers are helpful resources. Often, word of mouth is the best way to find an exciting book! If you find yourself "stumped", feel free to search through lists on Collier County Public Library's Website or Goodreads.com. You can also check out National

Catholic Education Associations Reading List which promote Catholic values. Be sure to have your parents approve your book titles.

What can you do while you read?

As you read both books this summer, I would like you to write down your thinking (also known as "annotations") on Post-its. Your Post-its can show any type of thinking you have- this includes **questions**. I just ask that you show your best thinking work and write neatly. Please stick your post-it inside your book (on that page) when you have an interesting thought, connection or question. You may use as many post-its as you like.

How will I be graded on my summer reading?

In August, I will ask you to share your **annotations** with me. Please have your books and post-its with you on the first day of school. This will help me see what you already know how to do as a reader and what I will want to teach you during the school year. In addition, I have attached a fun **book project for you to complete for your choice fiction book.** The project will be your first summative grade in literature for quarter one.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

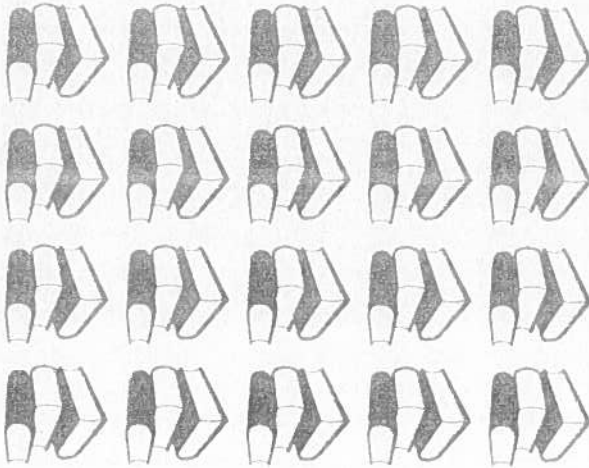
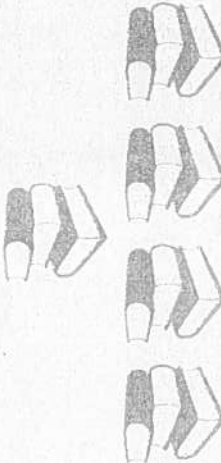
Happy reading! Have a fabulous summer!

Many blessings always,

Mrs. Wendt

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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nagy and Herman, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Character Head Characterization Rubric

Choose one character and characterize him or her using the template provided.

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POINTS AVAILABLE

Be Creative!



- _____ Character's name in large font.
- _____ Include one significant character quote. " "
- _____ Include two images relevant to the character (concrete or abstract).
- _____ Include three adjectives to describe the character.
- _____ Include the character's nickname in the story or one you create.
- _____ Briefly describe a turn point event involving the character.
- _____ Identify the character as either *dynamic or *static with a brief explanation of why.
- _____ Include the title of the novel or story, author, and genre.
- _____ Use an attractive color scheme with virtually no white space.
- _____ All text is legible, dark, and attractive. Final text is not written in pencil.
- _____ Head is securely glued to reinforced backing. (construction paper, cardstock, or poster board)
- _____ Head and backing are cut and trimmed neatly.
- _____ Error free in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.
- _____ Name, date, and class period on the back of the final product.
- _____ Attention to detail, high quality of work, unfolded without creases and crumples.
- _____ Quality of work reflects knowledge and understanding of character.

_____ POINTS EARNED

* Dynamic character →
Does change

* Static character →
Stays the same

