Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer Reading has officially started! At the School of the Cathedral, we believe that summer is a crucial time to keep our students engaged in learning; to prevent the "summer slide". This summer slide can be avoided by ensuring that children are as engaged as possible in whatever they choose to read — just as long as they’re reading every day!

Students entering Sixth through Eighth grades are required to read at least SIX books:
- TWO required reads (see list below)
- FOUR free-choice books

***ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD*** *(Link will be added to the school website)*

When students return to school in September, they will be discussing the FIRST required read for their grade level. We ask that students complete the graphic organizer (see attached) to help them recall details and information about the characters and plot elements. This graphic organizer will be used for a writing assignment when we return to school. Also, for the SECOND required read, the students will complete a writing prompt (see below). We encourage them to take notes either in their books or with Post-It notes as they will complete an assignment in parallel with another ELA book during the school year. **The writing prompt and graphic organizer should be submitted to Google Classroom (see below for grade level class codes) by August 30th, 2019. This will be the first grades entered for ELA.**

Finally, reading over the summer should be fun and encompass a variety of books at your child’s reading and interest level. For the FOUR free-choice reads, we encourage your child to read through different mediums — print books, audiobooks, ebooks, magazines, newspapers, etc. A suggested reading list is attached; however, you can also find support from your local public library.

Sincerely,

Grade 6: 
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Grades 7 & 8: 
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First Required Read with Provided Graphic Organizer:
***MUST BE PURCHASED AS THEY WILL BE USED IN CLASS***

Grade 6:
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Grade 7:
*The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman

Grade 8:
*Internment* by Samira Ahmed

2nd Required Read with Required Writing Prompt - (at least 3 paragraph response with best effort at spelling, grammar, and punctuation)
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Grade 6:
*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba

Writing Prompt: Tell me a story (for example: most important memory, favorite memory from summer, funny story from childhood, etc)

*Google Classroom Code: o2owobi (o = letter)*

Grade 7:
*Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed

Writing Prompt: Describe a challenge you have faced and how you have overcome this challenge.

*Google Classroom Code: t52n717*

Grade 8:
*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom

Writing Prompt: Interview someone and then summarize what life lessons you have learned from the interviewee and your own life.

*Google Classroom Code: 0duzbld (0 = number)*
FICTION
Anderson, Laurie Halse........Fever 1793
Avi .......................... Crispin: the Cross of Lead
Barry, Dave............. Peter and the Shadow Thieves (series)
Bloor, Edward.......... Story Time; Tangerine
Bowen, Fred............. Quarterback Season
Burks, Brian............. Soldier Boy
Card, Orson Scott........Ender’s Game
Carroll, Michael........ Stronger: A Super Human Clash
Choldenko, Gennifer.... Al Capone Shines my Shoes
Clayton, Emma ........ The Roar
Clement-Davies, D. . The Telling Pool
Colfer, Eoin............... Artemis Fowl (series)
Corder, Zizou.......... Lion Boy (trilogy)
Creech, Sharon..........Absolutely Normal Chaos; Walk Two Moons; Bloomability
Crossley–Holland..... The Seeing Stone (trilogy)
Curtis, Christopher Paul.......Mighty Miss Malone
Deuker, Carl.......... Payback Time
Dicamillo, Kate....... The Tiger Rising
Dowd, Siobhan.........London Eye Mystery
Doyle, Arthur C. ...... The Hound of the Baskervilles
Draper, Sharon........ Out of My Mind
Flanagan, John ....... Ranger’s Apprentice (series)
Foon, Dennis.......... The Dirt-Eaters
Ford, Michael........ Birth of a Warrior (series)
Gaiman, Neil ..........Odd and the Frost Giants
Gantos, Jack ..........Dead End In Norvelt
Gordon, Roderick.....Tunnels (series)
Grant, Michael ........ Gone (series)
Green, Tim ............ Rivals
Haddix, Margaret ....Double Identity
Hahn, Mary ..........The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall
Hautman, Pete ........Mr. Was
Hill, Will ...............Department 19 (series)
Hite, Sid ..................The King of Slippery Falls
Holman, Felice ..........Slake’s Limbo 121 Days
Jacques, Brian ........Redwall (series)
Jinks, Catherine.......The Genius Wars
Korman, Gordon ......Masterminds; Schooled
Larson, Kirby...........Hattie Big Sky
Lubr, David ..........Wizards of the Game
Lupica, Mike ..........Fantasy League
MacDonald, Bailey ..Wicked Will
Manes, Stephen .....An Almost Perfect Game
McCaughrean, G. .....Cyrano
McKay, Hilary ..........Indigo’s Star
Mikaelsen, Ben ..........Jungle of Bones
Miller, Ashley ..........Colin Fischer
Myklesch, Matt ....... The Accidental Hero
Paterson, Katherine ..........Bridge to Terabithia
Patterson, James ......Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life
Paulsen, Gary ..........Family Ties
Pearsall, Shelley ......All Shook Up
Peck, Richard ...........A Long Way from Chicago; Horse Thief
Perkovich, O.R ..........8th Grade Superzero
Petersen, P.J ...........Wild River
Philbrick, W.R ..........The Young Man and the Sea
Pratchett, Terry .......Dodger
Preller, James ..........Bystander
Raskin, Ellen ..........The Westing Game
Riordan, Rick ..........Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series)
Rook, Sebastian ......London, 1850 (series)
Roy, Jennifer ..........Mindblind
Rupp, Rebecca ..........After Eli
Ryan, Pam Munoz ......Esperanza Rising; Becoming Naomi Leon
Salisbury, Graham ....Hunt for the Bamboo Rat
Schlitz, Laura Amy ......A Drowned Maiden’s Hair
Schmatz, Pat ..........Bluefish
Schmidt, Gary ..........Mara’s Stories: Glimmers in the Darkness, Trouble
Shusterman, Neal ......Antsy Does Time
Sloan, Holly Goldberg .......Counting by 7s
Smith, Roland ..........Independence Hall (series); Beneath
Spinelli, Jerry ..........Hokey Pokey
Stead, Rebecca .........Liar & Spy, When You Reach Me
Tashjian, Janet ..........My Life as a Stuntboy
Thomson, John ..........A Small Boat at the Bottom of the Sea
Walden, Mark ..........H.I.V.E (series)
Wallace, Rich ..........Dunk Under Pressure
Wells, Rosemary ......Red Moon at Sharpsburg
Wild, Kate ..........Firefight
Wooding, Chris ..........Silver
Woodson, Jacqueline .......Hush
Yancey, Richard .......The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp
Yee, Lisa .................Warp Speed
NON-FICTION
Allen, Thomas........ George Washington: Spymaster
Athans, Sandra........ Tales from the Top of The World: Climbing Mount Everest with Pete Athans
Bauer, Nona .......... Dog Heroes of Sept. 11th: A Tribute to America’s Search and Rescue Dogs
Bell, Lonnie .......... The Story of Coca Cola
Beyer, Rick .......... The Greatest Stories Never Told
Blackwood, Gary .... Mysterious Messages: A History of Codes and Ciphers
Bruchac, Joseph ...... Jim Thorpe: Original All-American
Bryson, Bill.......... A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail
Carson, Ben.......... Gifted Hands
Cooper, Margaret..... Exploring the Ice Age
Cork, John.......... The James Bond Encyclopedia
Crompton, Samuel ... Julius Caesar
Crossingham, John... Learn to Speak Music
Crutcher, Chris....... King of the Mild Frontier
Deem, James......... Faces From the Past: Forgotten People of North America
DeVorkin, David..... Hubble: Imaging Space and Time
Diakite, Baba ......... A Gift From Childhood: Memories of an African Boyhood
Fradin, Dennis.......... With a Little Luck: Surprising Stories of Amazing Discoveries
Freedman, Russell... Freedom Walkers: the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott
Freedman, Russell........ Who Was First?: Discovering the Americas
Fremon, David ..........The Holocaust Heroes
Gay, Peter.............Mozart
Greenhill, Wendy.....Shakespeare: Man of the Theater
Hawking, Stephen ....The Universe in a Nutshell
Hillenbrand, Laura ...Seabiscuit
Hoose, Phillip..........Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95
Hopkinson, D.........Up Before Daybreak: Cotton and People in America
Houston, Jeanne ......Farewell to Manzanar
Keeley, Jennifer ......Life in the Hitler Youth
Kusky, Timothy ......Climate Change: Shifting Glaciers, Deserts, and Climate Belts
Lalicki, Tom..........Spellbinder: the Life of Harry Houdini
Lassieur, Allison ......Earthquakes
Liberman, Noah ......Glove Affairs: the Romance, History and Tradition of the Baseball Glove
Macaulay, David ......The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body
MacKay, Joe ..........The Great Shutout Pitchers: 20 Profiles of a Vanishing Breed
Malone, John..........Unsolved Mysteries of Science
Marrin, Albert .........A Volcano Beneath the Snow
Marx, Jeffrey.........Season of Life
McCarty, Nick........Rome
McKissack, Pat ........Black Diamond: the Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues
Meltzer, Milton ........Ten Kings and the World’s they Ruled
Morgan, Sally........Alternative Energy Sources
Murphy, Jim...........Truce: the Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting
Myers, Walter D. .....The Greatest: Muhammad Ali
Nardo, Don.............Life of a Roman Gladiator
Owen, David...........Police Lab
Patrick, Bethanne.....An Uncommon History Of Common Things
Pfetzer, Mark..........Within Reach: My Everest Story
Pimm, Nancy Roe....The Daytona 500: The Thrill and Thunder of The Great American Race
Pohlen, Jerome........Albert Einstein and Relativity for Kids: His Life and Ideas with 21 Activities and Thought Experiments
Randall, Bernard ....Alexander the Great: Macedonian King and Conqueror
Rappaport, Doreen...Beyond Courage: the Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust
Richard, Carl J. .......Greeks & Romans Bearing Gifts: How the Ancients Inspired the Founding
Sandler, Martin.......The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure
Sayers, Gale............I Am Third: the Inspiration for Brian’s Song
Schuman, Michael Elie Wiesel: Voice from the Holocaust
Schwartz, Joseph......Einstein for Beginners
Stewart, Gail...........The Trojan War
St. John, Warren......Outcasts United: the Story of A Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town
Taylor, Theodore...Air Raid Pearl Harbor!: the Story of December 7, 1941
Tebow, Tim.............Through My Eyes
VanHecke, Susan...Raggin’, Jazzin’, Rockin’: A History of Musical Instrument Makers
Walker, Sally..........Secrets of a Civil War Submarine
Walker, Sally...........Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland
Wasdin, Howard ......I Am a SEAL Team 6 Warrior: Memoirs of an American Soldier
Winston, Robert ......What Goes On In My Head?
Woodward, John ......How to Be a Genius
Zullo, Allan.............Surviving Sharks and other Dangerous Creatures