

# St. Joan of Arc 2022 Summer Reading

## REQUIRED Reading and Assignments for Students Entering Grades 5-8

**5th Grade:** Students entering Grade 5 must read TWO books from this list and complete the required assignment:

*Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by Konigsburg

*The 100 Year Old Secret* by Tracy Barrett

*Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*Wild River* by PJ Peterson

*Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson

*The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham

**Required Assignment:** A summary of the two required reading books should be written on 5”X7” index cards using the following format and will be due the first week of school:

Student’s Name

Title of Book and Author

Setting-where the story takes place

Main Characters

Summary- brief description of the main events in the story as well as comment regarding a favorite/interesting part of the book.

Please bring books to use in class. We will be completing a book project in class after summer vacation.

**6th Grade:** Students entering Grade 6 must read TWO books from this list and complete the required assignment:

*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

*White Fang* by Jack London

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
*The White Giraffe* by Lauren St. John  
*Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson  
*The Island* by Gary Paulson  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  
*Words of Stone* by Kevin Henkes  
*Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George  
*A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements  
*Heat* by Mike Lupica  
*A Dog's Life* by Ann M. Martin  
*The Library Card* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Absolutely Normal Chaos* Sharon Creech  
Any *Nancy Drew* or *Hardy Boys* series

**Required Assignment:** A summary of all the required reading books should be written on 5"X 7" index cards using the following format and will be due the first week of school:

Student's Name  
Title of Book  
Author and Illustrator (if there is one)  
List of Characters  
Brief Summary of Important Events

We will be completing a book project in class.

**7th Grade:** Students entering Grade 7 must complete the packet given to them from Ms. Tefts.

**8th Grade:** Students entering Grade 8 must complete the packet given to them from Ms. Tefts.