

Dear 7th-Grade Parents and Guardians,

I am looking forward to teaching your children again this fall. Below is the list of summer reading books **for students entering 8th grade** at St. Peter School in September 2021. Each student is required to read **at least three** books. Students are expected to read 2 books from the list below. Students may choose to read another book that is not on the list. Students are also encouraged to read for at least half an hour a day.

Students may choose 2 or more from the following selections:

Across Five Aprils Irene Hunt

Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson

Ashes by Laurie Halse Anderson

Night by Elie Wiesel

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Everyday by David Levithan

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

1984 by George Orwell

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Animal Farm by George Orwell

A Separate Peace John Knowles

Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

The Pigman by Paul Zindel

Fences by August Wilson

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Inside the Walls of Troy by Clemence McLaren

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Code Talkers: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two, Joseph Bruchac

Eleanor and Park, Rainbow Rowell

Picture Us in the Light, Kelly Loy Gilbert

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore

Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Richard Jacsonson

Not a Drop to Drink by Mindy McGinnis

The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkein
Endurance by Alfred Lansing
All the Light we Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Students are expected to give an oral presentation to the class on one of the three books they read over the summer during the first week of school. Students may use notecards. Students will also be asked to complete an in-class summary of another one of the books. The book summary and the oral presentation will be their first grades for the trimester.

Supplies List

Please send the following items with your child on the first day of school.

- 3 notebooks (grammar, writing, and literature)
- 2 folders
- Pens and pencils
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 containers of sanitizing wipes
- Personal hand sanitizer
- \$20 check made out to St. Peter School to order books that we will read during the year

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email is badams@saint-peter-school.org. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer. I look forward to working with your children this fall.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Adams

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