

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy
Summer Reading for 2010-11

6th Grade

Required:

- *The Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls

Select one of the following:

- *Elephant Run* by Roland Smith
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The View From Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg
- *Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You* by Barthe DeClements
- *Under a War Torn Sky* by L.M. Elliot
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *The Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney

7th Grade

Required:

- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

Select one of the following:

- *Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Jacob I Have Loved* by Katherine Patterson
- *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
- *Driver's Ed* by Caroline B. Cooney
- *Peak* by Roland Smith
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Jack's Run* by Roland Smith

8th Grade

Required:

- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hilton

Select one of the following:

- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech
- *Soldier's Heart* by Gary Paulsen
- *So B. It* by Sarah Weeks
- *The Road to Memphis* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Dune* by Frank Herbert
- *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
- *Into Thin Air* by John Krakauer
- *The Wave* by Todd Strasser

- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Instructions for Language Arts Summer Reading

All classes will follow the same directions.

Note Cards: Students should write one 5 x 8 card on the *required book* and one on the *optional book* for a total of two note cards. **All note cards are due by the third day of school.**

Please follow these directions carefully:

- Create one note card for each book
- Use 5 x 8" cards. (Point deduction for 4 x 6" cards.)
- Write neatly in ink or type your cards.

On the front of each card include the following:

- Title (underlined) and Author
- Your name and the date you finished the book
- Setting (time and place of action)
- Name of major characters
- Category (fiction/non-fiction)
- Type of book (mystery, romance, adventure, biography, history, science fiction)

On the Back of the Card include the following:

- Memorable line or sentence and chapter of page where this is found
- Your reason for choosing this line
- Explain what you like most about the book.
- Explain what you like least about the book.
- Your opinion of the book: Would you recommend it to your friends? Is the subject interesting? Would you want to read other books by the same author? Explain your opinion. Do not just answer yes or no.

Additionally, during the first week of school, there will be an exam over the required reading book. The test will be given in your language arts class.