

St. Stephen School Summer Reading 2024
For Students Entering Grades 6, 7, and 8

Dear Parents and Students:

This year for summer reading, students who are entering grades 6,7, and 8 will be required to read only one mandatory book. A paper copy of the assignment will be handed out to students prior to the end of the year.

Grade 6 will be reading A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park.

Grade 7 will be reading The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis.

Grade 8 will be reading Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor.

Students should read carefully and put a good effort into the assignment. Only a student's best work will be accepted! The assignment for all grades will be **due Friday, September 13, 2024.**

Students, reading is essential for learning and growing. I tried to select books that are both interesting and also have a good lesson to teach. I only assigned one book in hopes that you will have time to read some additional books that you select on your own! Remember to read in a quiet, comfortable setting! I look forward to discussing these books with all of you in the fall.

I will be checking my email over the summer. If you have any questions regarding the books or assignments, please email me at: calatok@ststephensgi.org. Have a fun, safe summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Calato

ELA 6-8

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This year, students will complete a single project for their summer reading assignment. Each student will create a book box for their assigned book. Please read the following instructions very carefully. **These projects are due on Friday, September 13, 2024.** The projects will be presented to the class the following week.

Instructions: Find a box. Select 8 items to place in your box that represent the novel in some way. Items must be 3-D and represent setting, character, plot, or something from the novel. Think deeply and creatively. At least 4 of the items must be made by hand. This means you have to mold, paint, sculpt, cut, or build 4 objects. After you complete your items, write a paragraph for each item to explain what it represents from the book and why this item is important in the novel. Be very neat too!

Then, do the following to the outside of the box:

1. Decorate the outside to match the novel in some way.
2. List 3 themes from the novel.
3. List the main characters in the novel.
4. Record the author's name.

Grading Rubric

_____ 8 items are included in the box with 4 being handmade – all items are 3-D. (40 points)

_____ Outside of box includes main characters, author's name, and 3 themes. (10 points)

_____ Outside of box is decorated to match the book in some way. (10 points)

_____ Paragraphs are thorough and explain each item's significance to the novel. (24 points)

_____ Box is neat and creative. (16 points)

Total: /100