

La Salle Academy Summer Reading Information

1. All students must read the required book for the grade level they are entering. This book should probably be read closer to the beginning of the school year since we will be discussing it in class the first two weeks.

Grade 6 – *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

Grade 7 – *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

Grade 8 – *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

2. In addition to the required book students must choose **two** books from their grade level reading list and complete the following assignments.
 - a) Create a glossary. As you read, pay close attention to new vocabulary words. Keep a list of words (10-15 is plenty) that are unfamiliar to you and are important to your understanding of the book. Look these words up in a dictionary. For each, write a definition in your own words.
Example: learning- when a person is able to gain knowledge or skill.
 - b) Choose **ONE** of the following:
 - a. **Interview a character from the book.** Write 15 open ended questions the interviewer asks and create the answers the character might provide.
 - b. **Create a story map of the setting of the story.** Design the map and make sure you mark the places where each important event occurred. Be creative.
 - c. **Design at least 7-10 illustrations, with appropriate captions, for the book that portray important events of the book.**

Please make sure to bring your assignments to class the first day of school. We encourage you to read more books on your grade list!

**More summer reading information can be found in the article
“It’s Summer LET’S READ!” at www.scholastic.com/instructor**

SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6:

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Holes by Louis Sachar
Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Peak by Roland Smith
Schooled by Gordan Korman
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
A Boy at War by Harry Mazer
Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes
Souder by William H. Armstrong
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
Here Today by Ann Martin
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
Zen and the Art of Faking It by Jordan Sonnenblick
A Million Miles From Boston by Karen Day
The Summer Before Boys by Nora Raleigh Baskin
Aliens on Vacation by Clete Barrett Smith
Junonia by Kevin Henkes

***Students may also research other published sites and select appropriate books from those summer reading lists for their assignments. Please provide a reference for the alternate reading lists.**

**We would encourage students in all grades to read the book
Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens by Sean Covey.**

Most of all have a wonderful time reading this summer!

SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7:

Molly Donnelly by Jean Thesman

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Bomb by Theodore Taylor

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

White Fang by Jack London

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech

Heat by Mike Lupica

When Zachary Beaver Comes to Town by Kimberly Wills Holt

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Yellow Star by Jennifer Roy

Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson

13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

The Last Little Blue Envelope by Maureen Johnson

Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt

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SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8:

My Brother Sam is Dead by Christopher Collier and James Collier

Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne W. Houston

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Hoops by Walter Dean Myers

Black Duck by Janet Taylor Lisle

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Song of a Sparrow by Lisa Ann Sandell

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes

Secrets, Lies, and Algebra by Wendy Lichtman

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