

La Salle Academy Summer 2015 Reading Information

Students entering fifth and sixth grade will be exploring topics from the corresponding book in their Reading class during the first several weeks of the 2015-2016 school year so that this book should probably be read closer to the beginning of the school year. Students should have access to a copy of the book available to bring to school during that time.

Students entering:

Grade 5 – *Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham

Grade 6 – *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

In addition to the specified book students choose **two** additional books from their grade level reading list and complete the following assignments:

a) Create a glossary for each book (this does not include the required book).

As you read, always 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 for each of the 2 additional books. Please don't use the same assignment for both books!

- 1b. Interview a character from the book.** Write 15 open ended questions the interviewer asks and create the answers the character might provide.
- 2b. 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.
- 3b. 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!

**SUGGESTED SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
GRADE 5 and 6:**

The Chronicles of Narnia (any of the series) by C. S. Lewis
Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Peak by Roland Smith
Schooled by Gordan Korman
A Boy at War by Harry Mazer
Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes
Sunder by William H. Armstrong
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
Here Today by Ann Martin
A Million Miles From Boston by Karen Day
Junonia by Kevin Henkes
Fever Crumb by Philip Reeve
The Invention of Hubot Cabret by Brian Selznick
Leviathan by Scott Westerfield
The Seer of Shadows by Avi
Canned by Alex Shearer
11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass
The White Giraffe by Lauren St. John
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyca
*Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of his Trip to Heaven
and Back* by Todd, Sonja, and Colton Burpo
Wonder by R.J. Palcio

***Students may also research other published sites and select appropriate books from those summer reading lists for their assignments.**

Most of all have a wonderful time reading this summer!