

# Christian Academy Middle School Summer Reading 2026 EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITY



At Christian Academy, we believe that reading is important to all aspects of student success. We also understand that summer is a busy time for everyone, so we are making summer reading an optional, extra credit opportunity. Summer reading is **NOT REQUIRED**. If a student would like to earn one, two, or three levels of extra credit, he/she can complete the following:

1. Read a book from the suggested list for extra credit in ELA. Alternatively, students may read a parent-approved and appropriately challenging book that is not on the list. If in doubt about acceptability, email your question to the teacher specified for your child's grade.
2. For additional extra credit, read a second book using the same prerequisites as stated in item #1.
3. For the highest level of extra credit, read a third book using the same prerequisites as stated in item #1.
4. Extra Credit is capped at three books/levels of credit.
5. On the **Student/Parent Acknowledgement** page (second page in the complete document), record in writing the title, author, and number of pages of each completed extra credit book.
6. Each book your middle school student reads must be read cover to cover and should NOT be a junior or abridged version of the book listed.
7. Each book should be read **after June 3, 2026** and **before the beginning of the 2026-27** school year.
8. Parents, you are required to sign a document indicating that this is, indeed, when your child read the book(s).
9. In addition, the book(s) can not be ones your middle school student has read before.

A document which includes the reading list will be emailed to you at the end of the school year. The requirements also will be available on the school website under menu heading **activities**, and the sub-menu **summer information**.

If you have questions or concerns about any part of this assignment for your middle school student, please feel free to contact his or her teacher at her following email address:

SIXTH GRADE Mrs. Clarkson: [jclarkson@christianacademysaints.org](mailto:jclarkson@christianacademysaints.org)

SEVENTH GRADE, Mrs. Martin: [mmartin@christianacademysaints.org](mailto:mmartin@christianacademysaints.org)

EIGHTH GRADE Mrs. Jackson: [cjackson@christianacademysaints.org](mailto:cjackson@christianacademysaints.org)

**STUDENT/PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
EXTRA CREDIT SUMMER READING**

**In order to receive extra credit for summer reading, the student will turn in this form, signed by both parent and student, no later than Tuesday, August 18.**

I approve of my student's novel choices for extra credit summer reading.

**STUDENT'S NAME** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**1) Title of Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Book of Choice\_\_\_; Book from list\_\_\_

Number of Pages in Book:\_\_\_\_\_Number of Pages Read

**2) Title of Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Book of Choice\_\_\_; Book from list\_\_\_

Number of Pages in Book:\_\_\_\_\_Number of Pages Read

**3) Title of Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) Book of Choice\_\_\_; Book from list\_\_\_

Number of Pages in Book:\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages Read:\_\_\_\_\_

**My student has read (cover-to-cover, in their original, full versions--not "junior editions") and has completed the requirements for all books listed above. When I sign below, I know my student has read the entire text of each book listed since June 5, 2025, (and he/she has not read the book previously).**

**As a parent/guardian, I verify that this was done with my knowledge and approval.**

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2020 SELECTED READING LIST

### Tales of Adventure and Survival

<i>Born Free</i>	Joy Adamson
<i>Run Silent, Run Deep</i>	R.D. Blackmore
<i>Dove</i>	Robin Lee Graham
<i>A Walk Across America</i>	Peter Jenkins
<i>A Night to Remember</i>	Walter Lord
<i>Never Cry Wolf</i>	Farley Mowat
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
<i>Airman</i>	Erin Colfer
<i>The Roar</i>	Emma Clayton
<i>Holes</i>	Louis Sachar
<i>Alex Rider Series</i>	Anthony Horowitz
<i>Swiss Family Robinson</i>	Johann David Wyss
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George
<i>The Cay</i>	Theodore Taylor

### Coming of Age: The Maturing Self

<i>Midnight Hour Encores</i>	Bruce Brooke
<i>I Will Call it Georgie's Blue</i>	Suzanne Newton
<i>Words by Heart</i>	Ouida Sebestyen
<i>Homecoming</i>	Cynthia Voight
<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i>	Kate DiCamillo
<i>Bridge to Terabitha</i>	Katherine Paterson
<i>Nothing But the Truth</i>	Avi
<i>The Pigman</i>	Paul Zindel
<i>Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants</i>	Ann Brashares
<i>Maniac McGee</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Stargirl</i>	

### The Imagined Past—History in Fiction

<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Irene Hunt
<i>The Gates of Zion</i>	Bodie Thoene
<i>April Morning</i>	Howard Fast
<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	Esther Forbes
<i>The Friendly Persuasion</i>	Jassamyn West
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak
<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	Ruta Sepetys
<i>Fever</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>The Summer of my German Solider</i>	Bette Greene
<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	James Collier

### Other Worlds and Future Times: Tales of Fantasy and Science Fiction

<i>The Fantastic Voyage</i>	Isaac Asimov
<i>Harvey</i>	Mary Chase
<i>Blithe Spirit</i>	Noel Coward
<i>Lost Horizon</i>	James Hilton

<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>	C.S. Lewis
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien
<i>The Last Unicorn</i>	Peter S. Beagle
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Madeleine L'Engle
<i>Z is for Zachariah</i>	Robert C. O'Brien
<i>Ella Enchanted</i>	Gail Carson Levine
<i>Eragon Series</i>	Christopher Paolini
<i>Things Not Seen</i>	Andrew Clements

### **In Search of Conscience: Literature of Social Issues and Moral Challenge**

<i>Only Earth and Sky Last Forever</i>	Nathaniel Benchley
<i>The Honorable Prison</i>	Lyll de Becerra de Jenkins
<i>Fragments of Isabella</i>	Isabella Leitner
<i>To Sir With Love</i>	E.R. Braithwaite
<i>The Chocolate War</i>	Robert Cormier
<i>Inherit the Wind</i>	Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee
<i>The Hiding Place</i>	Corrie Ten Boom
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Natalie Babbitt

### **The Triumph of Spirit: Overcoming Hardship; Success and Achievement**

<i>I Heard the Owl Call my Name</i>	Margaret Craven
<i>Ice Castles</i>	Leonore Fleischer
<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Ernest Hemingway
<i>On Golden Pond</i>	Ernest Thompson
<i>Up the Down Staircase</i>	Bel Kaufmann
<i>I Always Wanted to be Somebody</i>	Althea Gibson
<i>The Contender</i>	Robert Lipsyte
<i>Go Up for Glory</i>	Bill Russell
<i>I am Third</i>	Gale Sayers with Al Silverman
<i>Chains</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>Soul Surfer</i>	Bethany Hamilton

### **Who Done It? - Tales of the Dark and Mysterious**

<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Agatha Christie
<i>Maximum Ride Series</i>	James Patterson
<i>Theodore Boone Series</i>	John Grisham
<i>Face on the Milk Carton</i>	Caroline Cooney
<i>Alex Rider Series</i>	Anthony Horowitz
<i>Kingdom Keepers Series</i>	Ridley Pearson
<i>The Cherub Series</i>	Robert Muchamore

### **Christian Fiction: Winning Spiritual Battles**

<i>Left Behind</i>	Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins
(Other books from <i>Left Behind Series</i> )	Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins
<i>This Present Darkness</i>	Frank Peretti
<i>Piercing the Darkness</i>	Frank Peretti
<i>Out of the Silent Planet Series</i>	C.S. Lewis
<i>Hangman's Curse</i>	Frank Peretti
<i>New Diary of a Teenage Girl</i>	Melody Carlson

**SCISA Middle School Battle of the Books  
Book List 2026-2027**

<b>Title of the Book</b>	<b>Author</b>
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park
As Brave as You	Jason Reynolds
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Call it Courage	Armstrong Sperry
Cheaper by the Dozen	Frank Bunker Gilbreth, Jr.
Everything on a Waffle	Polly Horvath
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Life of Pi	Yann Martel
Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks	Jason Reynolds
My Life as a Smashed Burrito with Extra Hot Sauce	Bill Myers
National Park Mystery Series: Mystery in Rocky Mountain National Park (Book1)	Aaron Johnson
Pax	Sara Pennypacker
Restart	Gordon Korman
Swindle	Gordon Korman
The Book Thief	Markus Zusah
The Bridge Home	Padma Venkatraman
The Chance to Fly	Ali Stoker and Stacy Davidowitz
The City of Ember	Jeanne DuPrau
When You Reach Me	Rebecca Stead

**\*\*\*\* Please check over your child's selection. Each title has been reviewed, but as a parent, you have the final say over what your child reads. Please pay special attention if you are a parent of a rising sixth grader. If you have a book that is not on the list that you are interested in reading and it is the appropriate grade level, please contact your teacher for special approval.**