

Summer Reading 2021: Middle School Providence Christian Academy

All summer reading must be completed by the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

This summer I am asking you to read more and write less. (We will write in the fall!) Continue reading to learn more.

The Basics

My goal is to get you to read this summer! Once you read a book, you are to email me a “postcard” that includes the following information. You may create your postcard on the computer with power point, Adobe, or Word; or you may create it on paper and then take a picture to send to me.

Please email your postcards to bpyles@pcalions.org. Do not use Jupiter this summer. I will create a folder for each student so that I can save your postcards as I receive them.

Information to include in your postcard:

- ★ Your name, first and last, class, and grade in the fall: English 6, English 7, or English 8
- ★ Title and author: Use correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation (italicize the title – or underline it if you are writing rather than typing).
- ★ Number of pages in the book
- ★ Statement that you read the entire book.
- ★ Statement with your reaction to the book. Do not use “. . . it was boring, too long, nice and short” or similar responses as your reason for enjoying or not enjoying a book. Be thoughtful.
 - ✗ “I enjoyed (or liked) this book because. . . .”
 - ✗ “I did not enjoy (or like) this book because. . . .”

The Assignment and Due Dates

You are to read THREE books from the list below and will send me a postcard as you complete each book. The deadlines and rewards for your work are listed below. You will receive the reward for each postcard (1-5) that you send me, whether on time, early, or late. However, to receive the +5 points coupon, postcards must be mailed (stamped) or emailed by the due date.

Book	Due Date	Reward*
Book 1	Wednesday, June 30	Late Homework Pass
Book 2	Friday, July 23	Free Homework Pass
Book 3	Wednesday, August 18	Late Homework Pass
Mission Accomplished!	All post cards sent on time	+5 points on quiz/test coupon
Book 4	Anytime <i>between</i> June 12 & August 21	3 merits
Book 5	Anytime <i>between</i> June 12 & August 21	Surprise!

**Summary: You may earn TWO late homework passes, ONE free homework pass, FIVE points on a test or quiz, THREE merits, and a surprise if you read five books from the selection list on the back of this sheet.*

The Project

Your first homework assignment for the new school year will be a project related to one or all the books you read this summer. I will give you the details when we are back in school.

Questions? Email Mrs. Pyles at bpyles@pcalions.org.

The Book List

Select books that you **have not already read**. Remember: you must read an **UNABRIDGED** edition (no Great Illustrated copies, please!) These are great stories; you should find several to enjoy!

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND: Watching a movie is NOT reading a book. As many of you saw this year, movies do not always stick to the storyline. If you wish to watch the movie of a book after reading the book, that is fine. However, read the book FIRST!

Biography: You may read a biography about a Christian, historical or sports figure as **ONE** of your summer books.

Nonfiction: You may read **ONE** nonfiction book about a sport, a historical event, a hobby, etc. If you are not sure if a book is acceptable, email me at bpyles@pcalions.org.

Fiction: You **MUST** read at least **ONE** book from this list and may select all three (or more books) from this list; however, you may not use more than one book in a series, such as *Chronicles of Narnia* or *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* for your postcards. **Any fiction books you read MUST come from this list unless approved by the teacher (that's Mrs. Pyles).**

- Alcott, Louisa May. *Eight Cousins, Rose in Bloom* (Read *Eight Cousins* before reading *Rose in Bloom*); *Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys* (Read these three books in the order listed.)
- Bagnold, Enid. *National Velvet*.
- Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Caddie Woodlawn*.
- Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*
- Daniel Defoe. *Robinson Crusoe*
- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
- Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*.
- George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain, Julie of the Wolves*
- Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*
- Gray, Elizabeth. *Adam of the Road*.
- Henry, Marguerite. *King of the Wind*.
- Hess, Donna Lynn. *A Father's Promise*.
- Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me*.
- Lewis, C. S. *Narnia Chronicles* (any of the seven books in this series).
- London, Jack. *Call of the Wild*
- Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*.
- Jacques, Brian. *Redwall*.
- Keith, Harold. *Rifles for Watie*.
- Montgomery, Lucy. *Anne of Green Gables* (any in the series)
- O'Dell, Scott. *The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day, Island of the Blue Dolphin*
- Paterson, Katharine. *Bridge to Terabithia*
- Pène du Bois. *The Twenty-One Balloons*
- Porter, Eleanor H. *Pollyanna*.
- Raskin, Ellen. *The Westing Game*.
- Richter, Conrad. *The Light in the Forest*.
- Riordan, Rick. any of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series
- Sachar, Louis. *Holes*
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*.
- Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Bronze Bow, The Calico Captive, The Witch of Blackbird Pond*,
- Spyrie, Johanna. *Heidi*.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped, Treasure Island*
- Taylor, Theodore. *The Cay*.
- Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*
- Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer; Huckleberry Finn; The Prince and the Pauper*
- Weiss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson*.

MEET YOUR DEADLINES!

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