

St. Luke's School
Summer Required Reading Assignments for students entering Grade 8

Due Date: first day of school

Students entering Grade 6 will be required to read and report on **TWO** books during the summer, **one fiction selection and one nonfiction selection.**

All students will read the following nonfiction selection:
Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries From Perilous Places (Scientists in the Field) by Donna M. Jackson



A copy of this book will be given to you on the last day of school. You are responsible for maintaining it in its current condition and returning it to school in August or replacing it with a new copy.

You will fill out the **NON FICTION FORM** you will receive from your teacher.

All students will read one of the following fiction books:

***Maze Runner-** Dystopian story about a teen who wakes up in the middle of a giant maze with no memories of his past. He finds other boys in the same situation and they all work to find a way out.

***The Last Cuentista-** Petra has always wanted to be a storyteller, but Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred people survive, including Petra and her family. Together they all journey to another planet and start a new human race.

You will be responsible for getting the book on your own from your local library or you can purchase it. Please make sure your parents approve of your selection.

To report on the book you choose, pick **one** of the following options:

- Option 1. Keep a literature log.** For each chapter or for every 20 pages write:
- a response - What is going on in the story? What does it mean?
What thoughts and feelings did you have as you read it?
 - a question about what you have read
 - a connection to something that happened to you or something you read or saw
 - a prediction about what will happen next

Label each log entry according to chapters or page numbers.

Do not write a summary of the book.

Option 2. Imagine that you are the main character. **Write 3 journal entries**, one for the beginning of the book, one for the middle, and one for the end. Include what you imagine would be the character's thoughts, feelings, and reactions. Length: 1 or 2 pages total, typed, double spaced, size 12.

Option 3. Write a poem about the book which includes elements of the setting, characters, plot, and theme. Length: at least one page typed, double spaced, size 12.

Option 4. Write a script for a dramatization of one of the chapters or events in the book, and either perform it as a reader's theater for the class or video it to show to the class. You will also pass in the script. Length: a least 2 pages typed, double-spaced, size 12..

Option 5. Create a picture book from the story. Tell the story in simple language and illustrate with 10-12 pictures.

*Your finished products should represent time and effort and a careful and thoughtful reading of the books. All work should be neatly done, and should not include spelling or grammatical errors. Points will be subtracted for work that is late.

Please note! As your Language Art teachers we expect and hope that you will read as much as you can this summer beyond these two required selections!!

Reading is truly the key to success in these selections and wish you a safe and



school. We hope you like happy summer!

See you next year!