

**Saint Ursula School
8900 Harford Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21234**

GRADE 6

May, 2010

Dear Parents:

Each student is expected to read three books. The starred (*) on the list is required and a test will be given on that book the first full day of school. A second book should be chosen from Column 1 to be summarized at home following the attached instructions. The third book, chosen from Column 2, will be read and discussed in reading circles during the first full week of school. Students should list three choices from Column 2 on the lines below and will be assigned a book prior to the close of school. The report, participation in reading circles, and test will count toward the first trimester reading grade. Awards will be given in September to all students who read six books or more and submit a list signed by his/her parent during the first week of school.

We encourage you and your child to visit the library frequently. The reading of these and other books is a way to establish good reading habits and build a strong vocabulary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

The Reading Curriculum Committee

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Please return this form by **THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2010.**

The books my child has chosen to read for the reading circle discussions are:

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Students will be notified of the book they will read for reading circles by 5/31.

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I have read the letter regarding summer reading.

Parent's Signature _____

Student's Signature _____

SAINT URSULA SCHOOL

READING LIST
GRADE 6

1. All students are required to read the tested book listed below.
2. Summarize one book from Column 1 on looseleaf. Remember to summarize means to discuss only major events and characters, including the ending. Begin the summary with a description of the problem or conflict presented in the novel, and be sure to include the 5 W's (who, when, where, what, why). Use 2 paragraphs in the summary. A paragraph should be 7 - 10 sentences in length. Write on one side of looseleaf only. Do not skip lines. Pages should be stapled. Book reports can also be typed on the computer using 12 point/Times New Roman font. If reports are done on the computer, be sure to double space. This will be collected on Friday, September 9, 2005.
3. Students will read one book from Column 2 and participate in reading discussion circles during the first full week of school. Be prepared to discuss based on the guidelines given for the written summary.

The book may be brought to school for reference.

* ***Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson is required for students entering Grade 6.**

COLUMN 1

+ **Alexander, Lloyd**
The High King

Avi
S.O.R. Losers

Gibson, William
The Miracle Worker

+ **Lowry, Lois**
Anastasia Again!

O'Dell, Scott
Island of the Dolphins

Ridgers, Mary
Freaky Friday

COLUMN 2

Avi
Crispin: The Cross of Lead

Cushman, Karen
The Midwife's Apprentice OR
Catherine, Called Birdy

DeAngeli, Marguerite
The Door in the Wall

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley
The Egypt Game

Speare, Elizabeth
The Bronze Bow

+ = you may read any book by that author

