

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

**ENTERING GRADE 6  
2021 - 2022**

May 2021

Dear Parents:

Each student is expected to read two books during the summer break. A test will be given on the identified test book, the first week of September. Each student will read a second book which will be summarized at home and discussed in reading circles. The written summary is also due the first week of September. Reading circles will take place in early to mid-September. **Students should list three choices from the Reading Circle list on the lines below and one book will be assigned by June 7, 2021.** The written summary, participation in reading circles, and test will count toward the first trimester ELA grade.

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.

Sincerely,

The Reading Curriculum Committee

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Please return this form by **TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021**

The books my child has chosen from the reading circle list for discussion and written summary are: (Books are chosen and listed below in order of preference from the attached *Reading Circle and Written Summary List – not the test book.*)

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Students will be notified by 6/7/2021 of the book they will read for both the reading circles and the written summary assignment.**

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I have read the letter regarding summer reading.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SAINT URSULA SCHOOL**  
**READING LIST**  
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**Tested Book:** *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

All students are **required** to read *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson. They will be tested on the book the first week of September.

**Reading Circle and Written Summary List:** (Please make sure this is the book that was assigned.)

- *Cripsin: Cross of Lead*  
Avi
- *Catherine, Called Birdy*  
Karen Cushman
- *The Egypt Game*  
Zilpha Keatley Snyder
- *The Shakespeare Stealer*  
Gary Blackwood
- *Out of My Mind*  
Sharon Draper
- *The Only Road*  
Alexandra Diaz

1. Students will read the assigned book from the Reading Circle and Written Summary list and participate in reading discussion circles in early to mid-September. Be prepared for discussion based on the guidelines given for the written summary. The book may be brought to school for reference.
2. Summarize the assigned book from the Reading Circle list. The written summary will be due the first week of September. Follow the format below and type using 11 point/Calibri font with double spacing. Each paragraph should be ten to fourteen well-written sentences.

**Written Format:**

- Paragraph one should include the following:
  - ❖ Title
  - ❖ Author
  - ❖ Introduction of characters and setting (both when and where)
  - ❖ Introduction to conflict in the story
- Paragraph two should include the following:
  - ❖ Rising action and main plot events
  - ❖ Climax
  - ❖ Resolution/conclusion of the story