

Hickory Valley Christian School
Summer Reading Requirements for 6th-8th Grade

Students will be tested on the following books shortly after school begins in August:

Rising 6th grade – *Running out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Rising 7th grade – *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi

Rising 8th grade – *Blood on the River* by Elisa Carbone

Students are required to read at least 2 books from the following list. They will do a project for each book. See instructions below.

Series:

The Hidden Children series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The *Redwall* books by Brian Jacques

The Series of Unfortunate Events books by Lemony Snicket

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

The Lord of the Rings trilogy and *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Dear America Diaries

The Anne of Green Gables books by L.M. Montgomery

The Artemis Fowl series by Eion Colfer

The Books of Ember series by Jeanne DuPrau

The Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins



Books by the following authors:

Lois Lowry

Katharine Paterson

George McDonald

Anthony Horowitz

Rick Riordan

Jack London

Sharon Creech

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Margaret Peterson Haddix

James Herriott

Gary Paulsen

Mark Twain

Avi

Mildred Taylor

Jean Craighead George

Christopher Paoli

Will Hobbs

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Curtis

The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron

Rascal by Sterling North

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Pigman, and *The Pigman and Me* by Paul Zindel

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Peter and the Starcatchers, and *Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by Dave Barry

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Little Women by Louisa Mae Alcott

All of these books are available from the school library which will be open this summer. See the HVCS website for dates and times.

Students are required to read at least 2 books from the above list. They will need to do a project for each book. There are 4 choices:

1. Write a book report that includes a summary of the story, the climax, and a critique of the book, what you liked and what you did not like.
2. Make a diorama in a shoebox depicting a scene from the book.
3. Create a movie poster about the book. The movie poster must include the title and author of the book, an original drawing depicting a scene from the book, and choice of real-life actors to star in the movie. If there is already a movie from the book, students may not use scenes or actors from the actual movie. Pictures of actors may be printed from the internet. Make your poster attractive so that people will want to see the movie.
4. Make an original book cover for the book. It cannot look like the cover of the published book. The book cover must include the title, the author and an original drawing of a scene that represents the book on the front cover, a short summary of the book on the front inside flap, a critique of the book on the back inside flap, and a few (4-5) "quotes" from newspapers or magazines on the back cover. The cover must entice people to read the book. These quotes are to be written by you, the designer of the jacket. An example of this is, "A must read for teenage boys!" *Newsweek Magazine*.

All projects are due Monday, August 30. Each project will count as a test grade for the first 9 week marking period. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Spiesser at cspiesser@hvcs.org.