

Saints Peter and Paul

Summer Reading Program

Entering Seventh Grade: Mrs. Ackerman

Directions: Students must read the required reading book and one book from the recommended reading list. They will complete a summer reading assignment in the fall.

Required Reading:

Nothing But the Truth Avi. Phillip is failing ninth grade English, consequently he is eliminated from the track team. Phillip is convinced that Miss Narwin, the English teacher, is trying to ruin his life, so he devises a plan to be removed from her class. His plan gains national attention, but will it get him out of Miss Narwin's class and on to the track team? This book will hold your attention all the way to the unexpected conclusion.

Recommended Reading: Scroll down to see all choices

The Red Pyramid, Rick Riordan

If you loved Percy Jackson, you must try this new series by the same author. Instead of the unsuspecting teenage descendants of Greek Gods trying to save the world, this time it's the unsuspecting teenage *siblings* of descendants of Egyptian Gods who have to save the world. This isn't a repeat of Percy Jackson—the genre is the same; the characters are much different. This series adds sibling rivalry to the challenges of saving the world and wielding newfound superpowers. The universe of Egyptian Gods may be less well known than their Greek counterparts, and Riordan explains it concisely. It's entertaining while informing—the recipe you devoured in Percy Jackson. You may even be inspired to read up a bit on Egyptian history and mythology while waiting for the next installment in the Kane Family Series...

Things Not Seen, Andrew Clements

Imagine one day you get up for school, face the mirror and find no reflection. *You* have disappeared. Yet, "you are thinking feeling and speaking". Your parents confine you to your house, hoping they can fix the problem before the media or the government gets to you, so you must be officially declared missing. Bobby is in this exact predicament. Feeling terribly lonely, he leaves his home and heads for the library where he meets the one person who might remain unaware of his condition--a blind girl named Alicia. Will Bobby ever reclaim his reflection? A cool story full of symbolism and suspense, *Things Not Seen will* get you reading and leave you thinking.

Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth Speare

Set in a Connecticut colony during 1687, *Witch of Blackbird Pond* is the story of Kit Tyler, a privileged girl from Barbados who now must endure the harsh life of a colonist. She finds a friend in a local Quaker woman named Hannah Tucker, but soon Kit is accused of witchery. When her own fiancé won't help her, the captain's son Nat comes to the rescue. Will Kit have the courage to leave her family and the colony behind forever?

The Hunger Games Series, Suzanne Collins

In this SSPP people overwhelming favorite, teens in a futuristic society must fight to the death on a televised games show while their hometowns cheer them on. Characters must make heart wrenching decisions as they befriend fellow characters only to face-off against them in mortal combat. This story is utterly captivating, thought provoking and thoroughly

entertaining. Boys and girls alike love this series; you will not be disappointed. You have just enough time to read this and the follow up **Catching Fire** before the release of the third and final installment **The Mockingjay** comes out in August.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series, Rick Riordan.

Percy Jackson has had trouble at every school he has attended. When his algebra teacher turns into a monster and tries to attack him, his mother decides to tell him the truth: he is a descendant of the god Poseidon. A war is brewing between the gods, and Percy's life is in danger. With the help of two friends, Percy must return Zeus' thunderbolt and stop a potentially catastrophic war. If you like mythology, this is the perfect series for you. Already read *The Lightning Thief*? Try the next book in the series: *The Sea of Monsters*, *The Titan's Curse*, *The Battle of the Labyrinth* and *The Last Olympian*.

Chains, Laurie Halse Anderson

Isabel is a young slave living in 1776. She and her little sister, Ruth, live in Rhode Island and Isabel dreams of the day they will be free. Their master, Miss Finch, has promised them freedom upon her death, but when the time comes her lawyer has fled the sporadic battles between the Loyalists and Patriots. Miss Finch's greedy young nephew quickly sells the girls off to a wealthy Loyalist and his cruel wife. The girls' only chance at freedom is to serve as spies for the loyalists. They are "chained between two nations." This is an intriguing, suspenseful novel that will keep you reading right to its exciting conclusion. **If you've read chains, try *Fever 1793* also by Anderson**

City of Ember series, Jeanne DuPrau

There is no natural light in the city of Ember. Glowing flood lamps generate the only light in the city for 12 hours a day. Outside the dim *shadows* of the city lies the Unknown Region, which no one dares to explore. Despite the darkness, life in Ember has been tolerable--until the lamps begin to flicker and food supplies dwindle. While others dismiss the inevitable, Twelve-year-olds Dean Harrow and Linda Maleet worry about the future of their city. When they find a map to the City of light, their harrowing adventure begins. This is the first book in the trilogy by Jeanne DuPrau; the others are *People of Sparks*, *The Prophet Yonwood* and *The Diamond of Darkhold*. Read this *before* you see the movie coming out this summer.

Journal of Scott Penelton Collins, Walter Dean Myers

"Scott, like so many of the other soldiers waiting in England, is eager to be off. Though he does not have the details he knows that any time now he and his unit are going to get on a boat which will carry them across the English Channel to begin the invasion of Europe - to begin the fight to take back the countries Germany took over. Like so many young men going to war Scott has very little sense of what he is going to be doing in France but he doesn't care. All he wants is to be relieved of the boring waiting game they are all playing.

At last, on the night of June 5th, 1944 Scott is on a boat feeling both seasick and nervous. When his boat finally approaches the beach in Normandy, France, he soon sees that the task ahead of him is a horrific one. How is he going to get to the beach head without being killed as so many others have been?" *Through the Looking Glass Children's Book Review* If you are interested in World War II, try ***True Stories of D-Day, Under the Blood Red Sun, and The Story of the U.S.S. Arizona.***

The Boy Who Dared, Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Based on the life of Helmuth Guddat Hubner, a member of the Hitler Youth and the title character of historical fiction novel, this story begins in a cold prison cell as Helmuth reflects on his past while waiting to learn if he has a future --- or if he will be put to death for being "an

enemy of the state.” When Hitler came to power, young Helmuth vows to fight for the Fatherland and eagerly joins the Hitler Youth. But when neighbors turn against neighbors, books critical of Hitler are burned, and radios linking Germans to the outside world are seized, Helmuth becomes disenchanted and vows to take action. Can one teenage boy take on the Nazis?