

Summer Reading
For School Year 2011-12
Assignments for Students Entering Grade 6

Over the summer, you must read *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. The whole school will be enjoying this tale as part of Saint Gregory's Reads. Please read it in August so it is fresh in your mind when you return in September.

In addition to the required book, you must also read at least two books from the Grade 6 Reading List - or any book by an author on the list - and complete two different projects. Each project must be about a different book. When you finish an assignment, place it in a folder for safekeeping. I will collect your work when you return in the fall.

Reading Projects:

1. Choose two main characters from your book and describe them in detail.
2. Write a diary entry that the main character in your book might have kept during part of the story.
3. Write a different ending for your book.
4. Write a letter to the author of the book.
5. Write a book report.

The assignments should be approximately one page in length. You may type your assignments or write them in cursive.

Have a wonderful summer!

Reading List
Grade 6

Required Book:

The Wind in the Willows

Grahame, Kenneth

Four friends - Mole, Ratty, Badger, and Toad – enjoy life along the River Bank and have many adventures in the Wild Wood. This is a book about friendship and living life with gusto! The whole school will be enjoying this tale as part of Saint Gregory's Reads.

In addition to *Wind in the Willows*, you are expected to read a minimum of **two** more books from the list – or any book by an author on the list – and complete **two** different reading projects.

Fantastic Voyage

Asimov, Isaac

Four men and a woman are reduced to a microscopic fraction of their original size, sent in a miniaturized atomic sub through a dying man's carotid artery to destroy a blood clot in his brain. If they fail, the entire world will be doomed.

Never Mind

Avi

Edward and Meg are like night and day. How could two such different people be twins? Oddly enough, it's just when Edward and Meg are finally out of each other's shadow that the trouble begins.

Tuck Everlasting

Babbitt, Natalie

Winnie Foster stumbles on the Tuck family secret: a fountain of youth.

Tangerine

Bloor, Edward

Though legally blind, a stellar soccer player finally comes into his own in an odd town of Tangerine, Florida.

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Choldenko, Gennifer

Moose Flanagan moves with his family to Alcatraz so his dad can work as a prison guard. When Moose meets Pip, the daughter of a warden, he knows right off she's trouble.

The Hunger Games

Collins, Suzanne

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

The Witches

Dahl, Roald

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother together foil the witches' plot to destroy the world's children and turn them into mice.

The Magician's Elephant

DiCamillo, Kate

Ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day who tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive. Peter is stunned by this news as well as the advice he is given, — follow the elephant.

The Thief Lord

Funke, Cornelia

Brothers Prosper and Bo are orphans who run away from their cruel aunt and hide in Venice where they meet the Thief Lord.

Old Yeller

Gipson, Fred

In the late 1860s in the Texas Hill country, a big yellow dog and a fourteen-year-old boy form a close relationship.

Cheaper by the Dozen

Gilbreth, Frank B

The Gilbreths and their twelve children have some hilarious adventures.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town

Holt, Kimberly Willis

Life is not going well for thirteen-year-old Toby Wilson. But when Zachary Beaver, "The World's Fattest Boy," comes to town as part of a traveling sideshow, Toby's life takes a dramatic turn.

The Day They Came to Arrest the Book

Hentoff, Nat

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn causes a stir at Mason High School.

The View from Saturday

Konigsburg, E.L.

Four students develop a special bond and they represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

My Brother Sam is Dead

Lincoln, James & Collier, Christopher

Young Tim is caught between his brother's patriotism and his father's Tory sympathies in this classic story of the American Revolution.

The Willoughbys

Lowry, Lois

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny. This is a funny book.

The Golden Goblet

McGraw, Eloise

In this exciting tale of ancient Egyptian mystery and intrigue, Ranofar struggles to thwart the plottings of his evil Uncle Gebu so he can become a master goldsmith like his father.

Hatchet

Paulsen, Gary

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian learns how to survive in the wilderness with only a hatchet.

The River Between Us

Peck, Richard

During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.

The Red Pyramid

Riordan, Rick