

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: INCOMING GRADE 6

Participation in the summer reading program is mandatory for all students who will be entering grades 1 through 8. Care has been taken to assure that the expectations for each grade level are appropriate to the students entering that grade. Teachers have chosen a variety of books to provide for the different reading levels and interests of students, while providing literary value. Please assist your child in choosing his/her reading.

1. Mandatory book: *Twenty and Ten* by Claire Huchet Bishop
2. Choose and read any one (1) of the following books:

<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>Heat</i>	Mike Lupica
<i>Stealing Freedom</i>	Elise Carbone
<i>Inkheart</i>	Cornelia Funke
<i>The Lost Years of Marlin</i>	T. A. Barron
<i>Crash</i>	Jerry Spinnelli
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Ryan
<i>Angel on the Square</i>	Gloria Whelan
<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>	Elise Broach
<i>The Book without Words</i>	AVI
<i>Music of the Dolphins</i>	Karen Hesse

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

1. Bring a copy of *Twenty and Ten* to class on the first day of school. We will begin our Literature program with this book. A quiz will be given after classroom activities and discussion.
2. Upon completion of the chosen book from section 2, you will create a book jacket. See next page.
 - a. Fold a plain piece of white paper in half like a book.
 - b. Design a cover for the book. It should include a picture, a title, and the author's name. (Be creative – don't just copy the original cover of the book.)
 - c. On the inside left, write a summary of the book. The summary should include:
 - Main characters
 - Setting (where the story takes place)
 - Plot (what the story is about)
 - d. On the inside right, write a short biography of the author. Use the internet for this. Don't simply copy the biography from the book. 1-2 paragraphs
 - e. On the back cover, write a review of the book. The review should include the title and author of the book, the reviewer's (your) name, and whether or not you would recommend the book to other readers. Include why or why not – about 1 paragraph.

Enjoy your summer! I look forward to seeing you in the fall.