

STUDENT NAME: _____

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SUMMER READING LIST – PRE-6th GRADE

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS:

1. Your child is required to read four selections from this list. Teachers will collect this list during the first week of school. This list counts as your child’s first reading test grade.
 - 4 books read = 100/A+
 - 3 books read = 75/C-
 - 2 books read = 50/F
 - 1 book read = 25/F
 - 0 books read = 0/F
2. Only one book from a series or by a certain author counts as a selection.
3. After your child finishes a book from the list, please sign your name by the selection. Please, also include the date your child finished that book.
4. Both libraries are open from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on the following days during the summer:
 - Lafayette Campus: Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Opelousas Campus: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 The libraries will be **closed June 10-21.**

PLEASE NOTE: A selection with an asterisk (*) by it denotes a book for which we have no Scholastic Reading Counts quiz.

FICTION BOOKS:

TITLE	AUTHOR	PARENT SIGNATURE	DATE FINISHED
<i>The Incredible Journey</i>	Sheila Burnford		
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Lewis Carroll		
Elsie Dinsmoor series*	Martha Finley		
(any book)*	G. A. Henty		
<i>Smoky the Cowhorse</i>	Will James		
<i>The Jungle Books</i>	Rudyard Kipling		
<i>The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle</i>	Hugh Lofting		
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry		
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	L. M. Montgomery		
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	Wilson Rawls		
<i>Black Beauty</i>	Anna Sewell		
<i>Five Little Peppers and How They Grew</i>	Margaret Sidney		
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson		
<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain		

NON-FICTION BOOKS:

TITLE	AUTHOR	PARENT SIGNATURE	DATE FINISHED
<i>The Journey That Saved Curious George</i>	Louise Borden		
<i>Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion</i>	Loree Griffin Burns		
<i>Albino Animals</i>	Kelly Milner Halls		
<i>Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press</i>	Bruce Koscielniak		
<i>Endurance*</i>	Alfred Lansing		
<i>A Night to Remember</i>	Walter Lord		
<i>Promises to Keep</i>	Sharon Robinson		
<i>Dickens: His Life & His World</i>	Michael Rosen		
<i>My Librarian Is a Camel</i>	Margreit Ruurs		
<i>Tornadoes</i>	Seymour Simon		
<i>Boys of Grit*</i>	Archer Wallace		

SEVENTH GRADE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Every student must read **three** books. Choose any three books from this list.
 - Students will be quizzed on the books that they have read.
 - Students may go to either library and take the 5-minute, computer-generated quiz.
 - Returning students **must** show their WCA ID to take quizzes. This ID will be checked, as well as the log-in process to ensure that the person taking the quiz is the same as the name shown on the computer screen.
 - Students may take the test only **once**; a retest will not be given.
 - All reading quizzes must be completed by **Wednesday, July 31, 2013**. **ANY TESTS GIVEN IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST WILL BE GIVEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. All tests must be completed before the first day of school.**
 - Library Hours: Both campus libraries are open from 9:00-3:00 throughout the summer. Both campus libraries will be **closed Monday, June 10-Friday, June 21**.
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The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When ten-year-old Mary Lennox is sent to live with her mysterious uncle after the death of her parents, little does she realize the changes that will take place within herself. An invalid cousin, a crabby gardener, an animal charmer, and a rusty key to a secret garden all work their magic on the spoiled child from India.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Because Johnny is proud of the work he does as a silversmith's apprentice, his master warns him that pride goes before a fall. When Johnny violates the law by working on Sabbath Day, his hand is maimed by hot silver and he must find a new profession. His search lands him in the middle of America's fight for freedom.

The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories by O. Henry

Humor and surprise endings characterize these ten delightful short stories by acclaimed writer O. Henry.

Stories Include:

"The Gift of the Magi"

"Transients in Arcadia"

"The Last Leaf"

"A Chaparral Prince"

"Springtime à la Carte"

"The Clarion Call"

"The Purple Dress"

"The Hiding of Black Bill"

"One Thousand Dollars"

"A Retrieved Reformation"

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Four English school children enter the magic land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe and assist Aslan, the golden lion, in defeating the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, forcibly taken to the Klondike gold fields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.

Invincible Louisa by Cornelia Meigs

This book tells the story of the life of Louisa May Alcott, the author of "Little Women" as well as several other books. Following Alcott's life from birth to death, the author shows that much of "Little Women" was taken directly from Louisa's own life.

The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell

Sixteen-year-old Ramón Salazar thinks that life will be wonderful when he finds the Pearl of Heaven, but an Indian fisherman warns him that the Manta Diablo will reclaim what belongs to him. Is the legend of the monster devilfish true?

The Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

A young Indian girl learns the art of survival when she is stranded on an isolated Pacific island.

Jacob Have I Loved by Catherine Paterson

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, love, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

A young Jewish rebel is filled with hatred for the Romans and a desire to avenge his parents' deaths until Jesus teaches him love and understanding of others.

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

In this classic parable from one of America's best-known authors, a poor fisherman finds a priceless pearl but is besieged by tragedy and the greed of those around him.

EIGHTH GRADE

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Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Meet the March sisters: the talented and tomboyish Jo, the beautiful Meg, the frail Beth, and the spoiled Amy, as they pass through the years between girlhood and womanhood. Offers a lively portrait of growing up in the 19th century with lasting vitality and enduring charm.

Souder by William H. Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy gains courage and understanding by learning to read with the help of the devoted dog, Souder.

Where the Lilies Bloom by Bill and Vera Cleaver

An Appalachian girl, the eldest of an orphaned family, attempts to preserve her pride in the face of abject poverty and interfering neighbors.

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

When young Henry Fleming leaves school to fight for his country in the American Civil War, he agonizes over whether he will act heroically or cowardly.

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

When d'Artagnan leaves his home in Gascony, little does he know the adventures that await him. After he helps three musketeers fight the cardinal's guards, his journey into the intrigues and dangers of Paris begins. Beautiful women, royal affairs, and swashbuckling adventure are only part of the excitement that d'Artagnan finds.

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Due to some content about adolescent issues, reader discretion is advised. Do not read the definitive version of this book.

A young girl's journal records her family's struggles during two years of hiding from the Nazis in war-torn Holland during World War II. In powerful detail, Anne tells of the last years of her life spent with her family and another family in an old office building's "Secret Annexe."

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot

A veterinarian recalls his first years of practice in the Yorkshire hill country.

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

Each succeeding spring brings a young Illinois boy closer to manhood as he faces the harsh realities of the American Civil War.

White Fang by Jack London

In the frozen wilderness of northwest Canada, Kiche and her lone wolf pup struggle to survive. They go live with man and see the best and the worst of the animal they come to know as a god.

My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara

Through his intense devotion to the colt Flicka, a young boy living on a Wyoming ranch begins to learn about responsibility and gains a better understanding of his brusque father.

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

After being kidnapped by his villainous uncle, sixteen-year-old David Balfour escapes and becomes involved in the struggle of the Scottish highlanders against English rule.

The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien

When he learns that the One Ring is in the hands of a hobbit named Frodo Baggins, the Dark Lord Sauron sends out the nine Ring-Wraiths to retrieve it. Battling unimaginable evils, Frodo and his band of friends try to foil Sauron and save Middle Earth from eternal darkness.

The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien

In this second part of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, Frodo and Sam encounter many dangers on their way to the Dark Kingdom, Gandalf the White confronts Saruman at Orthanc, and Pippin and Merry strive to get the Ents to join the fight against Sauron.

The Return of the King by J.R.R. Tolkien

The third book in the Lord of the Rings trilogy, here continue the adventures of the four hobbits, Frodo, Sam, Merry, and Pippin, as they, along with the other members of the fellowship of the ring, fight to save Middle-earth from the evil Lord Sauron. Will their quest be successful, or will darkness prevail?

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Relates the adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century.