

Required 8th Grade Summer Reading

2 Required books

Students are to read one of the C.S. Lewis books from the list below:

The Chronicles of Narnia series (*except The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* or a previously read book in the series)

Out of the Silent Planet

Perelandra

That Hideous Strength

Each rising eighth grade student will be required to choose **one** of the above books to read. They should be ready to complete a writing assignment with their teacher upon return to school in August. The writing assignment which will be completed in class will be about the book they have chosen from the above list.

For the second book, each student should read *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. The students should be prepared to discuss this book in Bible class in August.

For eighth grade students both books that are required have been assigned. We encourage students to continue to read other books which broaden their horizons and interest them specifically. It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. Family read-aloud is very appropriate at any age. Read-aloud is an excellent way to connect with older children. When reading with children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. We have not attached an eighth grade additional reading list. Our hope is that with appropriate parental guidance, students are prepared to seek out literature that will feed their mind and soul. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads, or those that you have read with him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.

