

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School

Rising 8th Grade

Summer Reading 2020

Summer Reading Assignment:

1. Read three books, *Artemis Fowl* and two chosen selections from the list below.
2. Complete graphic organizers for each of the three books.
3. Be prepared for a test on *Artemis Fowl* and an in-class writing assignment on your two chosen books during the first week of school.

You will be reading three books this summer, one required book, which is enclosed, and two books chosen from the selections listed below. You will also find three graphic organizers included in this packet. The graphic organizers will help you order your thoughts and understanding of the book. The graphic organizers will also help you prepare for your summer reading assessments which will take place during the first full week of school. You will have a test covering your required reading, and in-class writing assignments covering the two additional books chosen from the selections below.

Required Selection: *Artemis Fowl*, by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius, and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories; these fairies are armed and dangerous.

Artemis thinks he has them right where he wants them, but then they stop playing by the rules.

Please choose two other books from the selection below:

Matched, by Ally Condie

When Xander's face appears on screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows with complete certainty that he is her ideal mate ... until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black.

Watership Down, by Richard Adams

Set in south-central England, the story features a small group of rabbits. Although they live in their natural environment, they are anthropomorphized, possessing their own culture, language, proverbs, poetry, and mythology. Evoking epic themes, the novel follows the rabbits as they escape the destruction of their warren and seek a place to establish a new home, encountering perils and temptations along the way.

The Book Thief, by Marcus Zusak

Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself in Nazi Germany by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist: books.

Into Thin Air, by Jon Krakauer

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm claimed five lives and left countless more, including Krakauer's, in guilt-ridden disarray. This is the story behind Into Thin Air, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster.

Scorpions, by Walter Dean Myers

Jamal Hicks is about to become tragically involved with a gang in this story of the sacrifice of innocence in the inner city.

The Batboy, by Mike Lupica

It is every baseball kid's dream summer job: batboy for your hometown Major League team. Yet for fourteen year-old Brian, the job means more than just the chance to hang around his idols. Baseball was the job his father loved so much, in the end he couldn't leave it. Yet he could leave his family. Now Brian sees the job

as the way to win back his father. There is no winning back some people, though. Just ask Hank Bishop, once the most popular player in baseball before he was banned for using steroids. Now he is making his comeback. And an unlikely friendship slowly develops between this man in need of a family and this boy in need of a father.

Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley

In a series of letters, Robert Walton, the captain of a ship bound for the North Pole, recounts to his sister back in England the progress of his dangerous mission. Successful early on, the mission is soon interrupted by seas full of impassable ice. Trapped, Walton encounters Victor Frankenstein, who has been traveling by dog-drawn sledge across the ice and is weakened by the cold. Walton takes him aboard ship, helps nurse him back to health, and hears the fantastic tale of the monster that Frankenstein created.

Redwall, by Brian Jacques

What can the peace-loving mice of Redwall Abbey do to defend themselves against Cluny the Scourge and his battle-seasoned army of rats? If only they had the sword of Martin the Warrior, they might have a chance. But the legendary weapon has long been forgotten ... except, that is, by the bumbling young apprentice Matthias, who becomes the unlikeliest of heroes.

The Devil's Arithmetic, by Jane Yolen

Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings; all her family ever talks about is the past. In fact, it seems to her that's what they do every Jewish holiday. But this year's Passover Seder will be different. Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past . . . and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.

Saint John Paul II: Be Not Afraid (Encounter the Saints), by Susan Helen Wallace

This book tells the story of the Pope whose message to the world throughout his pontificate was "Do not be afraid!"

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Your Name: _____

Your Book's Title: _____

Your Book's Author: _____

PLOT & SETTING: What are the story's events? Where, when, and how do they happen?

CHARACTERS: Who are the story's major and minor characters? What are they like?

CONFLICT: What problems must the characters resolve? How do they resolve them?

THEME: What do the characters learn? What does the story tell us about life and the world?

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