OLL 6th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the close of another school year, summer reading becomes a very important topic of discussion at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Summer reading is very important! OLL's curriculum works best when it builds upon what parents are doing at home. We want our children to return after the summer ready to read, write, and learn. Research shows that the child who does not read 20 minutes every day all summer loses reading and cognitive skills they developed in the previous school year. This "summer slide" is cumulative and children do not catch up in the fall.

Students who love to read will see success in school. This begins at home where students are encouraged to read, their parents set an example of reading in front of them, and their parents read aloud to them. Becoming a good reader takes practice. Offer your children quiet times and good places to enjoy reading. Read aloud to them on a regular basis - students whose parents do so perform better on standardized tests, have a decided advantage in terms of vocabulary and grammar development, and find more success in all subjects.

In preparation for the academic rigor of 6th Grade, **each student is required to read the two novels selected by Ms. Bowen as well as two additional novels from the Recommended Summer Reading List.** You will find the 6th Grade summer reading and assignments below. In addition, students will have a summer reading exam and writing assignment during the first week of school.

Please encourage your children to read every day! Thank you for being the best role models for our young people.

Have a wonderful summer,

Ms. Bowen

Required Reading: Assignments:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle   1. *A Wrinkle in Time* (click on the title to
(Multiple-Choice Exam 50pts.)   view the assignment)

New Kid by Jerry Craft (Writing Assignment   2. *New Kid* summer assignment (click on
25pts.)   the title to view the assignment)

6th Grade Suggested Reading (click to view the reading list)