

OLL 8th 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 an integral part of the OLL middle school experience. We want our children to return after the summer ready to read, write, and learn. When students see that parents and teachers believe in the value of reading, they are more apt to feel the same way.

There are two key components to helping students thrive as independent readers, time to read and access to books they find appealing. First, students need quiet time to engage in reading and to practice being a reader. An increase in the time a student spends reading improves comprehension and builds vocabulary, two critical skills for success in all subject areas. Second, students need the autonomy to choose books of varying levels of complexity to stay engaged in the task of reading. Summer reading affords students these opportunities in order to extend the work that has been happening in the classroom throughout the year and to maintain the skills earned during reading and writing workshops.

In preparation for the academic rigor of 8th Grade, **each student is required to read the two novels selected by Ms. Bowen as well as three additional novels from the Recommended Summer Reading List.** You will find the 8th 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:

Animal Farm by George Orwell (Multiple-Choice Exam 50pts.)

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
(Writing Assignment 25pts.)

Assignments:

1. [Animal Farm](#) (click on the title to view the assignment)
2. [The Outsiders](#) (click on the title to view the assignment)

[7th and 8th Grade Recommended Reading](#) (click to view the reading list)