

## SUMMER NOVEL READING GUIDELINES

Students promoted to grades 4th - 6th are required to read one (1) book from the Summer Reading list.

During the first week of school, SHE fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are assessed by a 100-point writing evaluation. Fifth and sixth are administered a teacher-made 100-point test as well.

Assessments address “Elements of Fiction”; thus, as they read their chosen novel students are strongly encouraged to take notes using methods they’ve used with classroom reading assignments. Student readers may write IN their novels and/or use a reader’s journal to note what they’ve read each reading session. A reader notes **setting, characters, plot, and theme/lesson** as well as **vocabulary**.

\*During testing, the student refers to both the marked up (for example, ink, pencil, highlighter, post-it notes) novel and the reader’s journal as long as the notes are in **his own handwriting**.

# Sacred Heart Elementary

## 4th-6th Grades

### Summer Reading



## 2021-2022

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The writing assignments assess by rubric the grammar skills, composition organization and development appropriate for the grade level. The student writer is required to create a thinking map typical of those used in ELA courses.

**4th graders** complete an illustrated book report project addressing the teachers’ requirements as listed on the rubric.

**5th and 6th graders** write a character analysis focusing on character (personality) attributes and providing evidence, examples, details from the novel itself.

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## 4TH GRADE READING CHOICES

Student chooses **one (1)**

### The PS Brothers

by Maribeth Boelofs

L: 810

Shawn and Russell, two underprivileged boys, want more than **anything**, a dog, a tough one who will protect them and keep them safe. The two are creative in their money-earning and find themselves dealing with obstacles they hadn't considered. Parts of the novel, however, are hilarious and fun to read.

### Rikki Tikki Tavi

by Rudyard Kipling

L: 800

Here is the thrilling story of Rikki, the fearless mongoose, suddenly locked in a life-and-death struggle to protect the boy and his parents from Nag and Nagaina, the two enormous cobras.

### A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeline L'Engle

L: 740

This Newberry winner chronicles Meg's adventure in space and time, as she and her brother Charles Wallace together with friend Calvin search for Meg's father, a scientist who's disappeared.

\*Caution to those who read A Wrinkle in Time, the current movie based on the novel is not a completely accurate depiction of the novel; therefore, a student could not rely on the movie for any part of the assessment.

## 5TH GRADE READING CHOICES

Student chooses **one (1)**

### The Book of Elsewhere: The Shadows

by Jaqueline West

L: 770

Eleven year old Olive and her dippy mathematician parents move into an old mansion; something is immediately odd about the place and it isn't just that the walls are covered in strange antique paintings. When Olive finds an old pair of glasses, she discovers she can travel through the paintings to another world. Yet, Elsewhere has secrets.

### The One and Only Ivan

by Katherine Applegate

L: 570

In the Newberry winner, Ivan, an easygoing gorilla living in a mall, has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass and he rarely thinks about life in the jungle...until he meets baby elephant Ruby. With Ruby come changes, and it's up to Ivan to see to it that the changes are for the better.

## 6TH GRADE READING CHOICES

Student chooses **one(1)**

### Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen

L: 1020

Stranded in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a hatchet and the clothes on his back, city boy Brian struggles to survive for the next two months. The ordeal forces Brian to reevaluate our twentieth-century civilization ways. Does he change his perspective?

### Island of the Blue Dolphins

by Scott O'Dell

L: 1000

Karana, an Indian girl, lives alone for years on the island. Year after year, she watches one season pass into another as she waits for a ship to take her away. Meanwhile, she's busy building shelter, fashioning weapons, foraging for food, and fighting her enemies--wild dogs. It is not only an unusual adventure of survival but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.