

Rising 6th grade Summer Reading Assignment (2017)

In order to better prepare our students academically, Strong Rock Christian School incorporates a summer reading program to encourage reading and enhance language arts skills. Students will select a single book from the list for each grade level. After reading the selected book, students will complete book cards. These cards will be due the first week of school in August. This information will be posted on our school website this summer. If you enroll after July 1, 2017, your book cards will be due August 31, 2017.

Rising 6th Grade Titles:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry and her family receive a surprise visit from an unearthly stranger out of another dimension in time.

The River by Gary Paulsen

In this exciting sequel to *Hatchet*, 15-year-old Brian Robeson, who survived alone in the wilderness for 54 days, returns to the wilderness at the request of a government survival school. This time, however, he won't be alone: Derek Holtzer, a government psychologist, will accompany him to observe and take notes. But during a freak storm, Derek is hit by lightning and falls into a coma. Afraid that Derek will die of dehydration unless he can get him to a doctor, Brian's only hope is to build a raft and try to transport Derek a hundred miles down the river to a trading post. (http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/6th_grade.shtml)

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

(<http://www.arbookfind.com/bookdetail.aspx?q=29554&l=EN&client=SuccessfulReader>)

*Strong Rock Christian School does not necessarily endorse all the content of these books or any book in the Strong Rock Christian School Library/Media Center. It is understood that to meet academic standards and to provide books of various fields of research and contents, Strong Rock Christian School must of necessity have many books of different types. The position of Strong Rock Christian School is well understood to be in strict adherence to the doctrines and principles taught in the Holy Scriptures.

Rising Sixth Grade Requirements

Read one book from the list above and complete the book cards. This activity will count as quiz grade in your language arts class.

Book Card Requirements: These index cards need to be the large (5x8 inches) size. You may combine the following elements, but please write only on one side of the cards.

1. Title Card: Must include the title of the book punctuated correctly (All book titles are underlined when writing them by hand.); author's name; illustration that represents the book's subject.
2. Setting: Write at least four sentences to present the setting of your book. (When and where did the story take place? Use adjectives to describe the locations.)
3. Plot Summary: This is the most important part of the card. This should be an 8-10 sentence paragraph in which you briefly summarize the main points of the story and prove to me that you have read it. You must include at least one sentence about the conclusion of the story.
4. Main characters: List the main characters with a 1-2 sentence description of each.
5. Conflict: 1-2 sentences about the main conflict. What is the overall conflict or problem in the story? How does it get resolved in the end?
6. Theme: What is the main idea or "moral" of the story? Is there a lesson to be learned? How does the author of the story use the characters to illustrate the theme? Use 3-4 complete sentences.
7. Point of View: Which point of view did the author use when writing the narration of the story? How can the reader identify the point of view? Use 1-2 complete sentences.
8. Book Review Card: In 5-7 sentences, write your overall opinion and impression of the book and give detailed support for your opinion.