

## 8<sup>th</sup> 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 one book from the 8th grade choices. After reading the 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<sup>st</sup>.

### Rising 8th Grade Titles

*Fantasy League* by Mike Lupica: 12-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. He may be just a bench warmer for his school's football team, but when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's first-string. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host. Soon Charlie befriends the elderly owner of the L.A. Bulldogs -- a fictional NFL team -- and convinces him to take a chance on an aging quarterback.

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi: Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832. But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. What begins as an eagerly anticipated ocean crossing turns into a harrowing journey, where Charlotte gains a villainous enemy . . . and is put on trial for murder!

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott: *Little Women* is the heartwarming story of the March family that has thrilled generations of readers. It is the story of four sisters--Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth-- and of the courage, humor and ingenuity they display to survive poverty and the absence of their father during the Civil War. This is a must-read for all young women.

*Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott: With two sons of her own, and twelve rescued orphan boys filling the informal school at Plumfield, Jo March, now Jo Bhaer , couldn't be happier. But despite the warm and affectionate help of the whole March family, boys have a habit of getting into scrapes, and there are plenty of troubles and adventures in store.

\*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 Eighth Grade Requirements

Choose one of the titles listed above that you have not read previously and complete the book cards. This activity will count as a 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. All cards **must be in COMPLETE SENTENCES** and handwritten.

1. Title Card: Write the title, underline the title, put the author's name, and your name. Draw an illustration that represents the book.
2. Setting Card: Write at least four sentences to describe the settings of your book.
3. Plot Summary Card: Summarize the main events of the book. Write at least 12 complete sentences.
4. Character Card: List the major characters by name and write a one or two sentence description of each.
5. Conflict Card: List the main conflict of the book. (1-2 sentences)
6. Theme Card: Explain a theme of this book in 3-4 sentences.
7. Point of View: Tell the point of view from which this story is told. (1-2 sentences)
8. Book Review Card: In 5-7 sentences, write your overall opinion and impression of this book. Be sure to give detailed support for your opinion.

\*\*When students return to school in August, more activities and assessments will be assigned in class.\*\*