

## **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Reading Assignment (2020)**

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, 2020, your book cards will be due August 31, 2020.

### **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Titles:**

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murray, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. He claims to have been blown off course and goes on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which, if you didn't know, is a wrinkle in time. Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father? – Scholastic

*From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run from somewhere, she wants to run to somewhere — to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and, preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing her younger brother Jamie has money and thus can help her with a serious cash-flow problem, she invites him along.- Goodreads.com

*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. – wishtreebook.com

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## **Rising Sixth Grade Requirements**

Read one book from the list above 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.

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 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.