**Christ Classical Academy**

**Rising 5th-8th Grade Summer Reading List & Assignment**

*Students are to read a book from their upcoming grade level and complete the appropriate book report form.*

***Students choose a book from their rising grade level, or one grade level above to read. Complete the appropriate book report form and bring it to school on the first day of school.*** The book selected should be one that the student can read independently or with little assistance from parents. Please be sure to select a novel that the student has not previously read. It is required that your child read one book from the list. Thank you and enjoy reading!

*This assignment does not need to be an added financial burden. Most of these books are available in print and electronic version through the public library system.*

**Rising 5th Graders-***Caddie Woodlawn,* Carol Ryrie Brink

-*A Little Princess,* Burnett

-*King of the Wind,* Henry

-*Sounder,* Armstrong

-*Sarah Bishop,* O’Dell

-*The Phantom Tollbooth,* Juster

-*The Secret Garden,* Burnett

-*The Door in the Wall,* de Angeli

-Any from *Chronicles of Narnia* series, Lewis

-Any from *Elsie Dinsmore* series, Finley

-Any from *Dear America* (boys or girls-series vary)

-Any from *Sugar Creek Gang* Hutchens

**Rising 6th Graders-***Summer of the Swans,* Byars

-*The Pushcart Wars,* Merrill

-*The Incredible Journey,* Burnford

-*Holes,* Sachar

-*Brian’s Winter,* Paulsen

-*Little Women,* Alcott (unabridged)

-*Bridge to Terabithia,* Paterson

-*I am David,* Holm (Also called *North to Freedom)*

*-*Any from G. A. Henty’s series-varies

-Any from Janette Oke’s  *Classics for Girls*

**Rising 7th Graders-***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle,* Avi -*The Cat of Bubastes,* Henty

-*Out of the Dust,* Hesse -*The Slave Dancer,* Fox

-*A Wrinkle in Time,* L’Engle -*Rifles for Watie,* Keith

-*Bud, Not Buddy,* Curtis -*Treasure Island,* Stephenson

-*Diary of Anne Frank*, Frank -*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry,* Taylor

-*Watership Down,* Adams -Any from *Redwall* series, Jacques

-*Where the Lilies Bloom,* Cleaver -Any from *Lord of the Rings* series, Tolken

**Rising 8th Graders-***Christy,* Marshall -*Last of the Breed,* L’Amour

-*She Said Yes,* Bernall -*Homecoming,* Voigt

-*Kindnapped,* Stevenson (unabridged) -Any from *Mitford* series, Karon

-*All Creatures Great and Small,* Harriot -Any from *Lord of the Rings* series, Tolkein

-*White Fang,* London (unabridged) -Any from *Redwall* series, Jacques

-*The Giver,* Lowry -*A Single Shard,* Park

-*Out of the Silent Planet*, Lewis -*Walk Two Moons,* Creech

-*Joni,* Eareckson -*Love Comes Softly,* Oke

***Important: We recommend that parents participate in your child’s summer reading. Although books on this list come highly recommended from various sources, some of the books may touch on issues that you deem unsuitable for your child. One source for summaries and reviews is*** [***www.amazon.com***](http://www.amazon.com)***.***