

Miami Christian School Summer Reading List 2024

Dear Parents:

June 2024

At Miami Christian School, we value literature and encourage our students to read for information and academic success. Even more importantly, we urge students to read for enjoyment. When students enjoy reading, they become readers for a lifetime and not just a school year.

We know that you also value reading and want your child to establish good reading skills and habits. Please give us your help and support during the summer when your child will have more time at home for recreational reading. Below is a list of some recommended as well as required reading for the summer.

Children entering Kindergarten, first, and second grades may have the required books read to them. Students entering 3rd– 5th grade have required reading assignments that will be graded in the Fall. Teachers will explain assignments during the first week of school. Students entering 6th-8th will be tested on the reading material by the second week of school. Rising 9th to 12th graders will be required to complete a journal with 8-10 entries. The sample format will be provided on our website.

Check the reading criteria under each grade level. Please help us by making a special trip to the library several times this summer to see that your child is able to accomplish his or her required reading.

Cordially in Christ,

Lorena Morrison, Ed.D.
School Head

Elementary

Students entering Kindergarten should read (or have read to them):

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day - Judith Viorst
Are You My Mother? - P.D. Eastman
Dr. Seuss Books (Cat in the Hat, Hop on Pop, etc.)
Peter's Chair - Ezra Jack Keats
The Runaway Bunny - Margaret Wise Brown
Swimmy - Leo Lionni
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle

Students entering First Grade should read (or have read to them):

Any book from the "I Can Read" or "Beginner Reader" series
Curious George books - H.A. Rey
Frog and Toad books - Arnold Lobel
The Giving Tree - Shel Silverstein
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie books - Laura Numeroff
The Little Engine that Could - Watty Piper
Leo the Late Bloomer - Robert Kraus
The Princess and the Pea - Hans Christian Anderson
Skippyjonjones books - Judy Schachner
There's an Alligator Under My Bed - Mercer Mayer
Where the Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak

Students entering Second Grade should read (or have read to them):

Abuela – Arthur Dorros
Amelia Bedelia stories – Peggy Parish
A Chair for My Mother – Vera B. Williams
Frances books – Russell Hoban
Junie B. Jones books – Barbara Park
Madeline in London – Ludwig Bemelmans
Miss Nelson is Missing – Harry Allard
Nate the Great books – Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Stone Soup – Marcia Brown

Students entering Third Grade should read one of the following:

REQUIRED READING: Choose one book from the list below

(Expect to do a book report *IN CLASS* during the first week of school)

The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams
The Hundred Dresses – Eleanor Estes
Molly’s Pilgrim – Barbara Cohen
My Father’s Dragon – Ruth Stiles Gannett
James and the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl
The Stories Julian Tells – Ann Cameron

Students entering Fourth Grade should read one of the following:

REQUIRED READING:

The Whipping Boy - Sid Fleischman **-OR-** Beezus and Ramona - Beverly Cleary

(Expect a quiz on the required reading during the first week of school)

RECOMMENDED READING:

How to Eat Fried Worms - Thomas Rockwell
There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom - Louis Sachar

Students entering Fifth Grade should read the following:

REQUIRED READING: Choose one book from the list below

(Expect a quiz on the book of their choice during the first week of school)

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library - Chris Grabenstein
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis
Isle of the Lost - Melissa de la Cruz
The Capture - Kathryn Lasky
Story Thieves - James Riley

Middle School

Students entering Sixth Grade: REQUIRED READING (Regular & Honors):

The One and Only Ivan - Katherine Applegate –**OR**- Number the Stars - Lois Lowry

Students entering Seventh Grade: REQUIRED READING (Regular & Honors):

The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan –**OR**- City of Ember - Jeanne Duprau

Students entering Eighth Grade: REQUIRED READING (Regular & Honors):

Stargirl - Jerry Spinelli –**OR**- Among the Hidden - Margaret Peterson Haddix

All Middle School Honors Track Students are required to read BOTH books listed for their grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOMMENDED READING:

Alex Rider Adventures - Anthony Horowitz

Anne of Green Gables - Lucy Maud Montgomery

Black Boy - Richard Wright

Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Avi

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar D'Aulaire

Eragon series - Christopher Paolini

Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan

Eyes of the Emperor - Graham Salisbury

Fever, 1793 - Laurie Halse Anderson

Hatchet - Gary Paulsen

Heat - Mike Lupica

Inkheart series - Cornelia Funke

Inside out and Back Again - Thanhha Lai

The Invention of Hugo Cabret - David Selznick

Island of the Blue Dolphin - Scott O'Dell

The Little Prince - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

The Magician's Elephant - Kate DiCamillo

Maniac McGee - Jerry Spinelli

Maximum Ride books - James Patterson

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH - Sheila Burnford

The Mysterious Benedict Society - Trenton Lee Stewart

Penny from Heaven - Jennifer Holm

The Pigman - Paul Zindel

Princess Academy - Shannon Hale

The Red Queen - Victoria Aveyard

Refugee - Alan Grantz

Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083 - Andrea White

Sword of the Rightful King - Jane Yolen

Things Not Seen - Andrew Clements

When You Reach Me - Rebecca Stead

Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawles

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

High School Students

Students entering Ninth Grade:

Read the assigned book and then complete the HS English Summer Reading Assignment on the website.

REQUIRED READING for Regular students: Speak- Laurie Halse Anderson

REQUIRED READING for Honors students: The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

RECOMMENDED READING:

13 Little Blue Envelopes - Maureen Johnson

Animal Farm - George Orwell

Cupid - Julius Lester

Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card

Hero - S.L. Rottman

The House of the Scorpion - Nancy Farmer

The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkein

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou

The Man in the Iron Mask - Alexandre Dumas

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens - Franklin Covey

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series - Ann Brashares

Tears of a Tiger - Sharon Draper

This Present Darkness - Frank Peretti

Three - Ted Dekker

The Truth About Forever - Sarah Dessen

Students entering Tenth Grade:

Read the assigned book and then complete the HS English Summer Reading Assignment on the website.

REQUIRED READING for Regular students: The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

REQUIRED READING for Honors students: Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

RECOMMENDED READING:

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

The Circle Trilogy (Black, Red, White) - Ted Dekker

The Color of Water - James McBride

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Mark Haddon

Cut - Patricia McCormick

Feed - M.T. Anderson

Friday Night Lights: A Town, A Team and a Dream - H.G. Bissinger

In the Time of the Butterflies - Julia Alvarez

The Life of Pi: A Novel - Yann Martel

Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog - John Grogan

The Once and Future King - T.H. White

Rebecca - Daphne DuMaurier

Selected Tales - Edgar Allan Poe

Students entering Eleventh Grade:

Read the assigned book and then complete the HS English Summer Reading Assignment on the website.

REQUIRED READING for Regular students: Farewell to Manzanar – Jeanne Wakatsuki

REQUIRED READING for Honors students: When the Emperor was Divine – Julie Otsuka

RECOMMENDED READING:

The Bell Jar - Sylvia Plath

The Color Purple - Alice Walker

Digging to America - Anne Tyler

Lost Horizon - James Hilton

My Antonia - Willa Cather

The Nick Adams Stories - Ernest Hemingway

The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde

A Raisin in the Sun - Lorraine Hansberry

Skin - Ted Dekker

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan - Lisa See

The Testament - John Grisham

Till We Have Faces - C.S. Lewis

Uncle Tom's Cabin - Harriet Beecher Stowe

Walden - Henry David Thoreau

Students entering Twelfth Grade:

Read the assigned book and then complete the HS English Summer Reading Assignment on the website. AP Students have a different assignment posted on the website.

REQUIRED READING for Regular students: The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood

REQUIRED READING for Honors students: 1984 - George Orwell

RECOMMENDED READING:

Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte

Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe

The Count of Monte Cristo - Alexandre Dumas

Digging to America - Anne Tyler

Heart of Darkness - Joseph Conrad

Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte

Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini

Lord of the Rings trilogy - J.R.R. Tolkein

The Nine Tailors - Dorothy L. Sayers

Nineteen Minutes - Jodi Picoult

Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens

The Poisonwood Bible - Barbara Kingsolver

Shadow Divers - Robert Kurson

The Shadow of the Wind - Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The Thirteenth Tale - Diane Setterfield

Three Cups of Tea: A Novel - Mortenson & Relin

Water for Elephants: A Novel - Sara Gruen