Dear Middle School Students,

The titles below and on the back are suggestions to entice you during the lazy days of summer. A variety of authors, genres, and topics of special interest are listed. You may select titles that are not on the list or listen to an audio book. If you have trouble finding a book, the librarians at the Knox County Public Libraries will assist you in locating one. The suggested summer reading list is available on [sjsknoxslibrary.weebly.com](http://sjsknoxslibrary.weebly.com) for your viewing. You may also want to browse the shelves of local bookstores to find just the right book that captivates your interest.

You are requested to Read Four or More over the summer. You can choose from this list or find an appropriate book on your own. Record the books you read below (or highlight the list) and bring your completed reading records to school on Friday, August 14. You should read about 20-30 minutes each day throughout the summer. Be prepared to take AR tests within the first couple of weeks of the new school year on two of the four books you read as well as complete any writing activities in class which will be connected to your reading. These will assignments be taken for a grade.

Read Every Day!

Mr. Aboumoussa

A list of some of the ’15’16 Middle School nominees for the Volunteer State Book Award can be found at the following link. Read 3 to vote in March if you like: [http://usnashville.libguides.com/vsba](http://usnashville.libguides.com/vsba)

You can also access a list of recommended books for Catholic youth from the NCEA at the following site: [http://catholicdos.org/english-language-arts-ncea-book-list](http://catholicdos.org/english-language-arts-ncea-book-list)

**Reading Log**

**At least four books I read were (title & author):**

1. __________________________________________ total pages ________

2. __________________________________________ total pages ________

3. __________________________________________ total pages ________

4. __________________________________________ total pages ________

Attach additional pages as needed

See back for a recommended list of books
Great options for Middle School

**Historical Fiction**
- Crow by Barbara Wright
- Countdown by Deborah Wiles
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Author: Mildred Taylor
- Island of the Blue Dolphins • Author: Scott O’Dell
- Anne of Green Gables – Author: L.M. Montgomery
- Johnny Tremain – Author: Ester Forbes
- Sophia’s War by Avi
- Al Capone Does My Shirts, Gennifer Choldenko
- The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, Jacqueline Kelly

**Realistic Fiction**
- See You at Harry’s by Jo Knowles
- The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Wan-Long Shang
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- Mockingbird – Author: Kathryn Erksine
- The Penderwicks – Author: Jeanne Birdsall
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

**Action/Adventure**
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- The Red Badge of Courage – Author: Stephen Crane
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
- The Swiss Family Robinson – Author: Johann Wyss
- Cosmic, Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The Hatchet series, Gary Paulsen

**Sci-Fi/Dystopian**
- The City of Ember – Author: Jeanne De Prau
- Life As We Knew It and The Dead and the Gone by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- The Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis
- Time Machine – Author: H.G. Wells
- War of the Worlds – Author: H. G. Wells

**Fantasy**
- The Lord of the Rings Series J.R. Tolkien
- A Wizard of Earthsea (the Earthsea Trilogy) by Ursula K. Le Guin
- Splendors and Glooms by Laura Amy Schlitz
- The Chronicles of Narnia series—Author: C.S. Lewis
- The Bone series, Jeff Smith (Graphic Novels)

**Informational**
- Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin
- Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science, John Fleischman
- Titanic Sinks!, Barry Denenberg
- Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing, Paul B. Janeczko & Jenna LaReau
- Chasing Lincoln’s Killer, James L. Swanson
- Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy, Albert Marrin