

Required Summer Reading Program
for students entering sixth grade

Summer is a great time to encourage family reading. Educational research supports the need for children to continue to read during the summer and to read as a family. In order to encourage the habit of reading, book lists and reporting guidelines are below.

Students will be graded on the thoroughness of their responses as well as if they have completed the required two books. **This is due on the first day of school, by 8:10am.** Ten points will be taken off for each day it is late.

Students are required to read *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* by Robert C. O'Brien. They must also choose one book from the list below (you must choose one you have not read before):

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis (choose one)
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

The students must answer the following questions *in complete sentences*. Please type this, using Times New Roman font size 12, double-spaced. Please staple the pages if you use more than one piece of paper, but do each book's response on a separate piece of paper and do not staple the different book responses together. Include your name and sixth grade. Be thorough in your responses and *number them*. Please do not put the reports in any sort of cover.

1. Give the title and author of the book. What happens in this story? Describe the main (important) events in detail, but do not say everything that happens (don't retell the story; don't quote it).
2. Give an example of something that a character shows a Christian should behave. Tell what happened and why it show how a Christian should behave. Include a *related* Bible verse: write out the verse and include the reference.
3. Give an example of something that a character did shows how a Christian should not behave. Tell what happened and why it is not how a Christian should behave. Include a *related* Bible verse: write out the verse and include the reference.
4. Give this book a rating (4 is the highest and 1 is the lowest) and tell in a few sentences why you rated it this way. **Be specific about why.** Include what your favorite part of the story was and why.

Your response should show:

- 1 A clear understanding of the assignment and the text***
- 2 Thoroughness (details and examples)***
- 3 Effective use of American Standard English including punctuation, spelling, capitalization, sentence structure***