

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SUMMER READING
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8**



Dear Eighth Grade Class of 2021,

Your summer Reading assignment is to read two books. One book I have chosen for you, but the second one you may choose from the list included. This will be your first 8th grade assignment. It is due in school on the first day of school.

Please read the following book and complete the work.



Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

This is a novel that takes place during the Civil War and the effects that the war had on one family.

Writing Assignment: Pretend you are a soldier in the Civil War and create a journal from your personal point of view. Describe four battles in which you have fought. Remember to include facts and details from actual battles. Your journal is to be typed (Times New Roman 12 font and double-spaced). Your project is to have a computer generated cover with your name in the lower right hand corner.

AND

Project 1: Design a "mini" poster (15x12) to advertise the novel.

OR

Project 2: Make a time line (computer generated) beginning in April 1861, when the Creighton family learned that the war had started and ending in April 1865 when the war was over.

Hopefully, you will be reading all summer. Read at least one other book from the list on the back of this paper. Be prepared to **write** a short summary of this book during the first week of school in school. Your summary will need 4 to 6 paragraphs.

We will be reading *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls and *The Outsiders* by

S.E. Hinton. You will need *WTRFG* in September and *The Outsiders* in January. Please don't read the books or watch the movies during the summer. We will watch them when we finish reading the books.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Blackwell

Eighth Grade Summer Reading List

Read *Across Five Aprils* and one other book from this list during the summer.

****Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt—must read during the summer with project

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Ghost (Track #1) by Jason Reynolds

Lawnboy by Gary Paulsen

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt

Rose by Elizabeth Wein

Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key

The Big Field by Mike Lupica

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry

**These books are needed for the 8th grade year. We are going to read them as a class.

***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

***Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

You need *Where the Red Fern Grows* for the first full week of September. You need *The Outsiders* for our first full week of January.