



NORTH HILLS

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Greetings, NHCS families!

It is with great excitement that we present our updated supplementary reading list for 2019. It is entitled "Supplementary Reading" and not "Summer Reading" because we hope you will hold onto this document and refer to it throughout the year. Many of the suggested works will support and complement our curriculum, and others may serve as good material for a book report or two! **Please note that this list includes one required reading per grade for this summer. Students should complete the listed assignment and be familiar enough to discuss the books on the first day of school.**

As you examine the reading lists, please consider the following:

- 1) Ensure that your child completes all of the required summer reading, as outlined on the following documents. Like a muscle, the brain needs exercise - even in the summer!
- 2) In some cases, the reading is easier than the grade level to which it has been assigned. In others, it is more difficult. This is often because it fits the historical context of what the children will study this year. If a work is too difficult for your young child, please help him or her by reading it together. We expect that the listed content will be fascinating, and reading it together will prepare your child for the coming school year by setting a context for understanding upcoming classroom material. For instance, the more your sixth, seventh, or eighth grader can say, "I've already heard about the pyramids." Or, "Hey, Homer is that guy we read about this summer!" the better prepared he or she will be.
- 3) It is critical for each child to become acquainted with the events and works of Western civilization. On the enclosed reading lists, you will notice that we have included many historical works that correlate to your child's history curriculum. Consider having your child immerse himself/herself in as many of these works as possible - not only this summer, but throughout the school year. By "previewing" what he or she will learn next year, your child will have a "leg up."

Blessings,

Matthew Weaver, Upper School Principal

Shanon Vickers, Middle School Lead Instructor

READING LIST FOR RISING SIXTH GRADE
2019-2020

Students in 6th grade have the following tasks to do this summer.

1. Complete a keyboarding course. We suggest the following software or websites.

Software: <http://www.broderbund.com/c-33-mavis-beacon.aspx>

Websites: <http://www.sense-lang.org/typing/tutor/keyboarding.php>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr#z34thyc>
<https://www.typing.com/student>

2. Read *The Squire's Tale* by Gerald Morris (**ISBN-10: 061873743X**)

Students should keep a journal as they read this book. The journal should include a short summary of each chapter. These summaries should include the characters and basic events in that chapter. The purpose of this journal is to prepare students for class discussions.

Please bring this journal with you to school on the first day, as it will be recorded as the first grade in Language Arts. This grade will be a completion grade.

The following books are **optional supplemental reading** (leading up to this grade) or may be used for supplemental reading throughout the year. Reading these books now will help build a strong foundation for your child's studies in future grades at NHCS

Standard Reading Group

First Voyage to America...by Columbus
Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by French
Adam of the Road by Gray
China's Later Dynasties by Art
The Story of the Renaissance by Art
Renaissance and the New...by Caselli
Viking Raiders by Civardi
How Would You Survive ...by Macdonald
Aztec News by Steedman
Viking World by Wingate
Usborne Book of Kings and Queens by Wingate
21 Balloons by de Bois
King Arthur and His Knights by Green
Lassie-Come Home by Knight
Rip Van Winkle by Irving
Beowulf, the Warrior by Ian Serraillier
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Gathering of Days by Joan Blos
Best Loved Poems of the American People...Hazel Felleman
Black Beauty: the Autobiography of a Horse by Anna Sewell
White Stag by Kate Seredy

Honors Reading Group

First Voyage to America...by Columbus
Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by French
Adam of the Road by Gray
China's Later Dynasties by Art
The Story of the Renaissance by Art
Renaissance and the New...by Caselli
Horrible Histories: The Measly... by Deary
How Would You Survive...by Macdonald
Aztec News by Steedman
Viking World by Wingate
Usborne Book of Kings and...by Wingate
Caddie Woodlawn by Brink
Lad: A Dog by Terhune
Prince and the Pauper by Twain
Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
Kidnapped and others by Robert Louis Stevenson
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Last of the Mohicans and others by James Fenimore Cooper

READING LIST FOR RISING SEVENTH GRADE
2019-2020

The following book is **required summer reading** prior to entering this grade:
When Lightning Struck! by Danika Cooley **ISBN-10: 1506405835**

Students should keep a journal as they read this book. The journal should include a short summary of each chapter. These summaries should include the characters and basic events in that chapter. The purpose of this journal is to prepare students for class discussions.

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Standard Reading Group

Dover Children's Thrift Classics...by Quixote
Pride and Prejudice by Austen
The American Revolution by Bliven
Gathering of Days: A New England...by Blos
Landing of the Pilgrims by Daugherty
Renaissance by Cole
Battle by Holmes et al.
Explorer by Matthews
North American Indian by Murdoch
American Revolution by Murray
Pirate by Platt
Children of the Wild West by Freedman
A History of the US Series by Hakim
Star Spangled banner by Spier
Caddie Woodlawn by Brink
Squalls Before War by Bustard
Lad: A Dog by Terhune
Prince and the Pauper by Twain
Adam of the Road by Gray
Anne of Avonlea by Montgomery
Anne of Green Gables by Montgomery
Cricket in Times Square by Selden
Lad: A Dog by Terhune
Prince and the Pauper by Twain
Duel in the Wilderness by Farley
Squalls Before War by Bustard
Three Musketeers by Dumas
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Fritz

Honors Reading Group

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Renaissance by Cole
Battle by Holmes et al.
Explorer by Matthews
North American Indian by Murdoch
American Revolution by Murray
Pirate by Platt
Children of the Wild West by Freedman
A History of the US Series by Hakim
Star Spangled banner by Spier
Iron Ring by Alexander
Good Earth by Buck
Pilgrim's Progress by Bunyan
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Coyle
Oliver Twist by Dickens
Kidnapped by Stevenson
Fellowship of the Ring by Tolkien
Return of the King by Tolkien
Two Towers by Tolkien
Prince Caspian by Lewis
The Raven by Poe
Duel in the Wilderness by Farley
Squalls Before War by Bustard
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Fritz

Three Musketeers by Dumas

READING LIST FOR RISING EIGHTH GRADE
2019-2020

The following book is **required summer reading** prior to entering this grade:

Animal Farm by George Orwell - **ISBN-10:** 0451526341

Students should keep a journal as they read this book. The journal should include a short summary of each chapter. These summaries should include the characters and basic events in that chapter. The purpose of this journal is to prepare students for class discussions.

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Standard Reading Group

American and Japanese Survivors...by Allen
Tell Them We Remember...by Bachrach
Six Days in October: The Stock...by Blumenthal
Daily Life on a Southern Plantation by Erickson
World War II by Adams
Money by Cribb
Cowboy by Murdoch
Space Exploration by Stott
Wilbur and Orville Wright: How...by Freedman
Liberty for All? by Hakim
War, Terrible War by Hakim
Reconstruction and Reform by Hakim
An Age of Extremes by Hakeem
War, Peace, and All That Jazz by Hakeem
We the People by Hakeem
The Making of America...by Johnston
The Korean War by McGowen
A Nation Challenged...by New York Times
Girls Think of Everything...by Thimmesh
Iron Ring by Alexander
Good Earth by Buck
Pilgrim's Progress by Bunyan
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Coyle
Oliver Twist by Dickens
Holmes in Wilderness by Brown
Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee...by Brown
Story of Thomas A. Edison by Cousins

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Cowboy by Murdoch
Space Exploration by Stott
Wilbur and Orville Wright ...by Freedman
Liberty for All? by Hakim
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Reconstruction and Reform by Hakim
An Age of Extremes by Hakeem
War, Peace, and All That Jazz by Hakeem
We the People by Hakeem
The Making of America...by Johnston
The Korean War by McGowen
A Nation Challenged...by New York Times
Girls Think of Everything...by Thimmesh
Watership Down by Adams
Count of Monte-Cristo by Dumas
Hiroshima by Hershey
Hinds Feet on High Places by Hurnard
The Yanks are Coming by Marrin
Holmes in Wilderness by Brown
Soft Rain: A Story of the...by Brown
Story of Thomas A. Edison by Cousins

Davy Crockett: His Own Story by Crockett
Columbus by D'Aulaire
Paul Revere and the Minutemen by Fisher
Gettysburg by Kantor
Betsy Ross and the Flag by Mayer
Declaration of Independence by Stein
Squalls Before War by Bustard
O, Pioneers by Cather
Boy in the Alamo by Cousins
Hiroshima by Hershey
The Yanks are Coming by Marrin
Kidnapped by Stevenson
Fellowship of the Ring by Tolkien
Return of the King by Tolkien
Two Towers by Tolkien
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Gaines
Goodbye, Mr. Chips by James Hilton
Hounds of the Baskervilles & others by Doyle
How Green Was My Valley by Richard Llewellyn
In His Steps by Charles Sheldon
Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy
Space Trilogy by C.S.Lewis
White Fang by Jack London
Prince Caspian by Lewis

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Declaration of Independence by Stein
Squalls Before War by Bustard
O, Pioneers by Cather
Boy in the Alamo by Cousins
Frankenstein by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
Nicholas Nickleby by Charles Dickens
Taking of the Bastille by Alexandre Dumas
Mythology by Edith Hamilton