

Welcome to Sixth Grade!



CHRIST THE KING
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A Note from the Principal

Congratulations! You are ready for Upper School! All your hard work this year has paid off and I am proud of you. I know you have learned many things in reading this year.

One of the most important lessons I hope you remember is that practice pays off. It's important to continue reading for fun. Your teachers have picked out some fun books for you to read this summer. Take a look through this packet to find your summer activities.

Did you know that fifth graders who read during the summer are better prepared for sixth grade in the fall? Now that you know that you can read to learn new things,

you build upon what you already know by reading more. Reading for fun helps you do that. It helps you strengthen vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

It's good to read some things by yourself and it's still okay to listen to your parents read too. Don't forget that it's important to make time to read like you did during the school year with your homework.

I hope you have a summer filled with many experiences with your families. I look forward to seeing you again in August!

Mr. O'Sullivan

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From Your Teachers

Welcome to Upper School! This is a big step in your journey at Christ the King. We are so excited to get to know you better and learn with you this year.

The written assignment for summer reading will be due the first day of class. Students

may be given more assignments on the summer reading during the first weeks of school.

You will receive the Summer Math Skills Sharpener workbook, which you'll be responsible for completing. All of your reading assignments and math

workbook must be returned on the first day of school,

August 18,

2014.



Assignment #1

Read Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor.

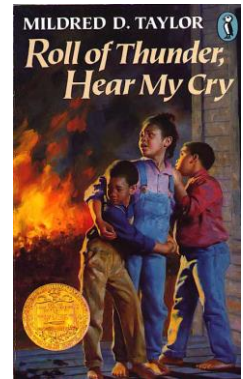
Much of the land, which is vital to Cassie's family, is used for growing cotton. After you've read the book, your assignment is to research cotton. Choose one of the many cotton products and write a "life history" of it. Begin with its birth (how it is grown and cultivated) and chronicle the special events in its life (where it is raised, or grown, and how it is made into what it is today).

Then design a pamphlet detailing your product's life.

You will turn in a colorful, informative pamphlet containing these headings:

- Birth of the product— How it is grown and cultivated.
- Where it is raised or grown.
- How it is made into the product it is today.
- Where is it located for the public to purchase it.

Your pamphlet should be typed in Calibri font II. You may include clip art or your own drawings to illustrate the information you include in your pamphlet.



Before You Read Check Out...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aA8DkcQYAc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uN7PK8z-C-0>

What You Need to Know:

In Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, the Logan family possesses something that no one can take away even through the horrible events of The Great Depression. This period of time causes young Cassie to endure unimaginable pain and heartbreak. She searches for courage and pride in order to deal with being

terrorized by the night riders. The burnings, threats, and destruction leave her and her family in a constant state of fear. Even when Cassie thinks she is in a safe place, a white girl humiliates her beyond

belief. Read to discover the rich, inner treasures that keep this family together during a time of racism and The Great Depression.

"Friends gotta trust each other, Stacey,

'cause ain't nothin' like a true friend."

-Mildred Taylor, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Ch. 4

Assignment #2

Read one book from the Book List and type a 2 page review. The review should be in Calibri (body) 11 font. It should include your first and last name at the bottom of 2nd sheet on the right side of the paper with grade and section after your name.

Beginning 6th Grade Reading List

You are required to choose one book from this list to complete Assignment #2

A Season of Gifts by Richard Peck

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

Flush by Carl Hiaasen

Heroes of Olympus (series) by Rick Riordan

Holes by Louis Sachar

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg

Incredible Journey by Shelia Barnford

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Masters of Disaster by Gary Paulsen

Mudshark by Gary Paulsen

One More River by Lynne Reid Banks

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series) by Michael Scott

The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z by Kate Messner

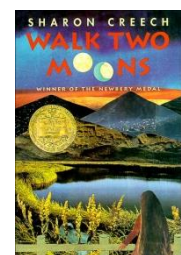
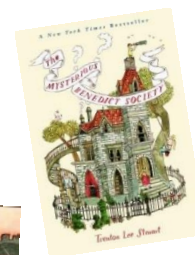
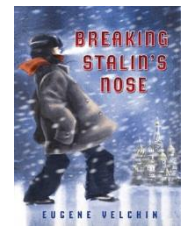
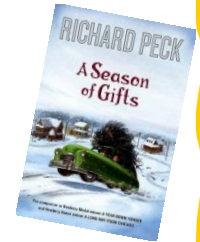
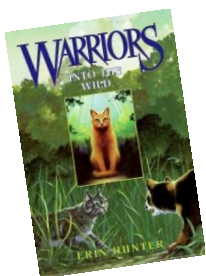
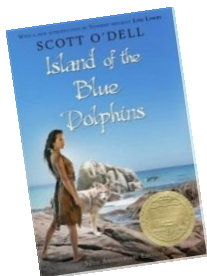
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Stewart

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Warriors by Erin Hunter

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

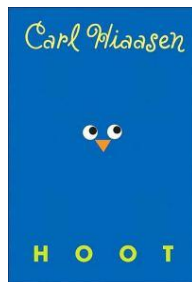


Ms. Haupt's Recommendation:

Ms. Haupt recommends that students be sure to read the required summer novel for detail in order to complete A+ projects and to participate in class discussions when we return to school this fall.

Ms. Hansen's Recommendation

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen is a great read. The main character, Roy has just moved to a new school where he finds himself bullied by another kid. One day on the bus, Roy sees another kid running away which makes him curious. The two boys become friends and discover a construction site



Want to know more about the book?

Watch here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i>

[QBLcimw1sQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQBLcimw1sQ)

for a pancake restaurant that is being built in the same place where some endangered owls are nesting. They team up with another girl to try to save the owls' home. Hiaasen has written a few other great books you can check out too: Chomp, Flush, and Scat.

Mrs. Garnett's Recommendation

The Alchemyst by Michael Scott

All of the Harry Potter fans out there may recognize the name "Nicholas Flamel," but you may not know that JK Rowling's character was based on the legend of a 700 year-old alchemist who created the philosopher's stone. In *The Alchemyst*,

author Michael Scott weaves a tale about the very same Nicholas Flamel. Sophie and Josh are twin siblings who discover that a bookstore owner is not who he claims to be. Nick Fleming? Nicholas Flamel? Hmmmm! A rare book containing the secret for eternal youth is stolen, and

the action never stops from that point on. This book is sure to leave you wanting more. Luckily, there are five more books in the series!

