

## LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE 2018 SUMMER READING

*“Reading a lot is one of the most powerful methods of increasing fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.” (Stanovich)*

I have always liked the summer reading requirements for the middle school Language Arts program at Lourdes because they produce results. Many students have maintained the reading level they ended the school year with, but better than that, many students actually increased their reading level. There has been a direct correlation between the amount of reading a student has done over the summer and the reading level they have at the beginning of the new school year.

Think about it. Reading is a skill, and like any skill, a person gets better only with practice. If your child is to participate in a certain sport or in playing a musical instrument, you know that the only way they will be good is if they have regular and consistent practice time. It is the same thing with reading! Reading is the only skill that can help them in so many aspects of their life.

**“This habit of reading is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasure that God has prepared for His creatures. It lasts when all other pleasures fade. It will support you when all other recreations are gone. It will last until your death. It will make your hours pleasant to you as long as you live.” (Anthony Trollope, 1815-1882)**

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Penfield have seen incredible, marvelous results during this school year as middle school students were allowed to have choices in what they read and were given time to read. I want to continue with that tradition.

The summer reading program will follow that same format. Students will be asked to read a certain amount of pages, but will be given the freedom to choose what they read. The following are the requirements for Lourdes Middle School

- 1) Students must each read 1,000 pages or more over the summer.
- 2) The items read must be book-length stories (no collections of stories). All books must be fiction or biographies.
- 3) No abridged versions are acceptable – only the unabridged.
- 4) No partial books will be counted.
- 5) No magazines will be accepted.
- 6) Graphic novels are fun to read and are acceptable; however, you need to keep in mind that some have very few words per page. Therefore, if you read a graphic novel it will be counted for only ½ the total pages. In other words, if you read a graphic novel that is 150 pages long, write down 75 pages on your reading log.
- 7) The reader may choose what to read, but students are encouraged to read books of good quality at their own reading level.

Summer Reading 2018:

IMPORTANT: The list of books you read is **DUE on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. *No late reading forms will be accepted.* Your reading list must be VERIFIED and SIGNED by both the student AND a parent or guardian.

All students who complete the summer reading program with 1,000 pages or higher will receive ice cream sundaes and a recess some time during August. For those that do not complete the reading they will spend the 45 minutes reading.

In order to partake in the ice cream sundaes ALL guidelines must be followed:

- The list of books must be properly filled out with title, author, month completed, and number of pages.)
- The 1,000-page goal must be reached or surpassed.
- The list must be turned in by Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED). Everyone is encouraged to turn in a list whether or not they reach 1000 pages.
- The list of books must be VERIFIED AND SIGNED by you AND your parent/guardian.

If you need another form for keeping track of books this summer or lose this one, you may access the Lourdes website and download it from there:  
[www.lourdescentralcatholic.org](http://www.lourdescentralcatholic.org)

We will also have a contest to see who can get the most A.R. points in the month of August using their summer reading books. There will be prizes awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, place 6<sup>th</sup> grader who gets the most points for just that month.

Please sign the form and return to school to verify that you received the information about the Lourdes 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Program. Everyone must return the signed form. Please return by Thursday, May 17th 2018.

Thank you,

Mrs. Box – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading/Writing/Math Teacher

