



ENGLISH - REQUIRED SUMMER READING ENTERING 7TH GRADERS AT AUCILLA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!



Research shows that students who read, score better on verbal tests and write more effectively. Since this is one of our academic goals at ACA, we are requiring all Secondary Students to read two books over the summer. One book has already been selected by your teacher and you are to select an additional book from the list below.

Assignment Instructions

All 7th grade students are required to read *Where the Red Fern Grows* and to complete the attached Major Works Data Sheet. Students will be tested on the book during the first week of school. An analysis of this book will be the primary project of the first six weeks. In order to be successful, students must have read this book and completed the Data Sheet prior to the start of school. Be sure to take study notes as you read! However, notes will not be used on tests!

You must have a copy of the required book for the first 3 weeks of class.

For the second book, students are required to choose a book from the list below and complete the reading assignment on the back of this sheet.

Both Reading Assignments are due on the first day of school.

Required Book

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls - *Where the Red Fern Grows* is the heartwarming and adventurous tale for all ages about a young boy and his quest for his own red-bone hound hunting dogs. Set in the Ozark Mountains during the Great Depression, Billy Coleman works hard and saves his earnings for 2 years to achieve his dream of buying two coonhound pups. He develops a new trust in God as he faces overwhelming challenges in adventure and tragedy roaming the river bottoms of Cherokee country with "Old Dan" and "Little Ann."

2nd Book Selections - Choose one of the following:

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt - The unforgettable story of young Jethro Creighton, who comes of age during the turbulent years of the Civil War, by the Newbery Award-winning author of *Up a Road Slowly*. "An impressive book both as a historically authentic Civil War novel and as a beautifully written family story."--University of Chicago Center for Children's Books.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt - The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau - The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever!

Kingdom Keepers (any book from the series) by Ridley Pearson - Using a cutting-edge technology called DHI - which stands for both Disney Host Interactive and Daylight Hologram Imaging - Finn Whitman, an Orlando teen, and four other kids are transformed into hologram projections that guide guests through the park. The new technology turns out, however, to have unexpected effects that are both thrilling and scary.

Visit www.aucilla.org for a complete listing of the summer Reading lists and assignments.

Acquiring the books:

- Books may be borrowed from a public or private library.
- Books may be purchased at bookstores such as Borders and Books-a-Million.
- Books may be purchased online (shipping will take several weeks, so please plan accordingly). Try amazon.com; barnesandnoble.com; ecampus.com.
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