

## Summer Reading 2023: Middle School Providence Christian Academy

*All summer reading must be completed by the first day of the 2023-2024 school year.*

### The Basics

My goal is to get you to read this summer! Once you read a book, you are to email me a “postcard” that includes the following information. You may create your postcard on the computer with power point, Adobe, or Word. Do not handwrite the postcard.

Please email your postcards to [bpyles@pcalions.org](mailto:bpyles@pcalions.org). Do not use Jupiter or send documents via the Remind app because I will create a folder for each student so that I can save your postcards as I receive them.

Information to include in your postcard:

- ★ Your name, first and last, class, and grade in the fall: English 8, English 9, etc.
- ★ Title and author: **Use correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation** (italicize the title).
- ★ Number of pages in the book
- ★ Statement that you read the entire book.
- ★ Statement with your reaction to the book. Do not use “. . . it was boring, too long, nice and short” or similar responses as your reason for enjoying or not enjoying a book. Be thoughtful.
  - ✗ “I enjoyed (or liked) this book because. . . .”
  - ✗ “I did not enjoy (or like) this book because. . . .”

### EXAMPLE “POSTCARD”

Ima Student  
English 6

*A Father’s Promise*  
Donnalynn Hess  
135 pages

I read the entire book.  
I enjoyed the book because Rudi overcame many problems in Nazi Germany. It was also an interesting way to learn history.

### The Assignment and Due Dates

You are to read a minimum of **THREE** books *from the list on the back of this page* and send me a “postcard” as you complete each book. The deadlines and rewards for your work are listed below. You will receive the reward for each postcard (1-5) that you send me, whether on time, early, or late. **However, to receive the five merits, postcards must be emailed by the due date.**

Book Selection	Due Date	Plan ahead if you choose to read more than 3 books.	Reward*
Book 1	Friday, June 30		Late Homework Pass
Book 2	Friday, July 28		Free Homework Pass
Book 3	Friday, August 25		+5 points on quiz or test coupon
Mission Accomplished!	<b>All post cards sent on time</b>		5 merits
Book 4 ( <i>OPTIONAL</i> )	Saturday, August 26		Late Homework Pass #2
Book 5 ( <i>OPTIONAL</i> )	Saturday, August 26		+5 pts. on quiz or test coupon #2

**\*Summary:** You may earn **TWO** late homework passes, **ONE** free homework pass, and **TWO** +5 points on a test or quiz coupon if you read five books from the selection list on the back of this sheet. If you submit all the reports on time, you will also earn **FIVE** merits.

### The Project

Your first homework assignment for the new school year will be a project related to one or all the books you read this summer. I will give you the details when we are back in school.

Questions? Email Mrs. Pyles at [bpyles@pcalions.org](mailto:bpyles@pcalions.org).

Turn over for the book list.

Select books that you **have not already read**. Remember: you must read an **UNABRIDGED** edition (no Great Illustrated Classics, please!) These are great stories; you should find several to enjoy!

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:** Watching a movie is NOT reading a book. Movies do not always stick to the storyline. If you wish to watch the movie of a book after reading the book, that is fine. However, read the book FIRST!

1. **Biography:** You may read a biography about a Christian, historical, or sports figure as **ONE** of your summer books. This is an option, not a requirement.
2. **Fiction:** You **MUST** read at least **TWO** books from this list and may select all three (or more books) from this list; however, you may not use more than one book in a series, such as *Chronicles of Narnia* or *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* for your postcards. Read a variety of authors! **Any fiction books you read MUST come from this list.**

If you decide to read more than three books, you may choose a second biography, a nonfiction book (sports, history, documentary, etc.), or a novel that is not included on the following list – as long as you get it approved by Mrs. Pyles first. However, you must complete your three required books (as specified in #1 and 2 above) first.

- Alcott, Louisa May. *Eight Cousins, Rose in Bloom* (Read *Eight Cousins* before reading *Rose in Bloom*); *Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys* (Read these three books in the order listed.)
- Bagnold, Enid. *National Velvet.*
- Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Caddie Woodlawn.*
- Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*
- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Hound of the Baskervilles.*
- Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain.*
- George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain, Julie of the Wolves*
- Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*
- Gray, Elizabeth. *Adam of the Road.*
- Henry, Marguerite. *King of the Wind*
- Latham, Jean Lee. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch.*
- Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me.*
- Lewis, C. S. *Narnia Chronicles* (any of the seven books in this series).
- London, Jack. *Call of the Wild*
- Lowry, Lois. *The Giver.*
- Jacques, Brian. *Mossflower, Redwall*
- Keith, Harold. *Rifles for Watie.*
- Montgomery, Lucy. *Anne of Green Gables* (any in the series)
- O'Dell, Scott. *The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day, Island of the Blue Dolphin*
- Paterson, Katharine. *Bridge to Terabithia*
- Paulson, Gary. *Woods Runner, Mr. Tucket.*
- Pène du Bois. *The Twenty-One Balloons*
- Porter, Eleanor H. *Pollyanna.*
- Raskin, Ellen. *The Westing Game.*
- Rawls, Wilson. *Summer of the Monkeys*
- Richter, Conrad. *The Light in the Forest.*
- Riordan, Rick. any of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series – but only ONE for summer reading credit!
- Rivers, Francine. *Sons of Encouragement*, a series of 5 books about Bible heroes
- Rivers, Francine. *Lineage of Grace*, a series of 5 books about women of the Bible
- Sachar, Louis. *Holes*
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty.*
- Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Bronze Bow, The Calico Captive, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Sign of the Beaver*
- Spyrie, Johanna. *Heidi.*
- Taylor, Theodore. *The Cay.*
- Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*
- Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer; Huckleberry Finn; The Prince and the Pauper*
- Weiss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson.*

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**MEET YOUR DEADLINES!**

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