

Grade 7

Students entering the 7th grade in September 2017

Over the summer each student is required to write two (2) book reviews. Each review is to be a minimum of 5 paragraphs in length, typed, doubled spaced, and be sure to include a proper heading. The first paragraph (introductory paragraph) is to include the title of the book, author, chapters, number of pages, main characters, setting (s), as well as any other pertinent information. The next three paragraphs are to explain 3 different conflicts (1 conflict per paragraph) and how they were resolved. The last paragraph, or conclusion, is a summary of the body (middle three paragraphs) of your paper. Be sure to allot the proper amount of time needed to read the books and write your reviews. If you are one who waits until the end of August to read and write, the quality of your work will be diminished! Be sure to use the writing skills that you honed over the last two years in Mr. Valerelli's English class.

Please select 2 books from the list provided. Reading and reading comprehension are the keys to academic success!

I look forward to working with everyone next year!!

Enjoy your summer!!!

Mr. Thomas McCaffery

SUMMER READING LIST

SIXTH GRADE ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

Ashes of Roses – Mary Jane Auch ©2004 Sixteen-year-old Margaret Rose Nolan, newly arrived from Ireland, finds work at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory shortly before the 1911 fire in which 146 employees died. **Age range: 12 - 15 years**

Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of The Illiad – Rosemary Sutcliff ©2005 Retells the story of the Trojan War, from the quarrel for the golden apple, and the flight of Helen with Paris, to the destruction of Troy. **CCS Age Range: 12 and up**

Chasing Lincoln's Killer The Search for John Wilkes Booth – James L. Swanson ©2009 Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the man hunters, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia. **Age Range: 12 and up**

Children of the Great Depression - Russell Freedman ©2005 Life was hard for children during the Great Depression: kids had to do without new clothes, shoes, or toys and many couldn't attend school because they had to work. **Age Range: 10 - 14 years**

Code Talker: A Novel About The Navajo Marines Of World War Two - Joseph Bruchac ©2005 After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay is recruited by the Marines to become a Code Talker, sending urgent messages during WW2 in his native tongue. **Age Range: 12 and up**

The Dark Is Rising – Susan Cooper ©1973 On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark. **CCS Age Range: 12 - 15 years**

Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, and Algebra – Wendy Lichtman ©2007 Tess has always loved math, and she uses mathematical concepts to help her understand things in her life, so she is dismayed to find out how much math--and life--can change in eighth grade. **(Math) Age Range: 11 - 15 years**

Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery – Peter Abrahams ©2006 Eighth grader Ingrid Levin- Hill idolizes Sherlock Holmes, so it is not surprising when, stumbling across a murder, she opts to keep what she knows a secret and tries to solve the crime herself. **Age Range: 12 and up**

Esperanza Rising – Pam Munoz Ryan ©2000 Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression

Newbery Honor Book Age Range: 12 and up

***Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* - Ben Carson, M.D. ©2011** In 1987, Dr. Benjamin Carson gained worldwide recognition for his part in the first successful separation of Siamese twins joined at the back of the head. Carson pioneered again in a rare procedure known as a hemispherectomy, giving children without hope a second chance at life through a daring operation in which he literally removes one half of their brain. **Age Range: 12 and up**

***The Good Fight: How World War II was Won* – Stephen Ambrose ©2005** Stephen E. Ambrose, one of the finest historians of our time, has written an extraordinary chronicle of World War II for young readers. From Japanese warplanes soaring over Pearl Harbor, dropping devastation from the sky, to the against-all-odds Allied victory at Midway, to the Battle of the Bulge during one of the coldest winters in Europe's modern history, to the tormenting decision to bomb Nagasaki and Hiroshima with atomic weapons, *The Good Fight* brings the most horrific -- and most heroic -- war in history to a new generation in a way that's never been done before. **Age Range: 12 and up**

***Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* – Ann Petry ©1995** Born a slave, Harriet Tubman dreamed of freedom. And through hard work and her willingness to risk everything—including her life—she was able to make that dream come true but after making her escape, Harriet realized that her own freedom was not enough. So she became a conductor on the Underground Railroad, and devoted her life to helping others make the journey out of bondage. **CCS Age Range: 12 and up**

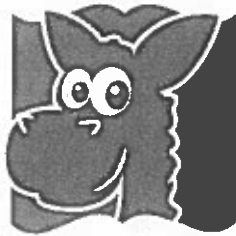
***Million Dollar Throw* – Mike Lupica ©2005** Nate Brodie is nicknamed “Brady” not only for his arm, but also because he’s the biggest Tom Brady fan. He’s even saved up to buy an autographed football. **Age Range: 12 and up**

***A Night to Remember* – Walter Lord ©2005** A minute-by-minute account as told by survivors of the sinking of the unsinkable Titanic. This remains the best telling of the fascinating story that has riveted the public for a century. **CCS Age Range: 12 and up**

***Niner* - Theresa Martin Golding ©2008** When twelve-year-old Macey discovers a locket on her front steps, she begins a journey to find out about who she really is and why her adoptive mother has been gone for almost a year. **Age Range: 11 - 14 years**

***Robert Frost's Poems* – Robert Frost ©2002** “*The Road Not Taken*” a text exemplar for Common Core *Robert Frost's Poems* contains all of Robert Frost's best-known poems—and dozens more—in a portable anthology. **CCS** In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he’s only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he’s one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk—and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. **Age Range: 12 and up**

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer - John Grisham ©2011 In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he’s only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he’s one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk—and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. **Age Range: 12 and up**



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- 1 Highlighter BIC Brite Liner Yellow
- 1 BIC Wite-Out Correction Tape
- 1 Scissors 5" Pointed Westcott
- 1 Crayons Crayola 24 Count
- 1 Elmer's Glue Stick Large .77oz
- 3 Kleenex Facial Tissues 2-Ply 160/bx
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Total Cost Per Kit **\$43.00**

School Notes:

Sale begins today! Paper orders are due no later than Friday, June 23rd. Online orders available until July 10th. School supply kits will be delivered to school and available on the first day of school.

PLEASE DETACH THE UPPER PORTION OF THIS FORM FOR YOU RECORDS

7th Grade

Please return this portion along with the payment to school by: 06/23/2017

Total number of kits for this student: _____ each kit price: **\$43.00** total: _____

Make check payable to: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School

Student's First Name _____ Student's Last Name _____

Phone # _____ - _____ - _____ Parents email address _____

Dear Student,

You are encouraged to participate in the Mathletics Summer Challenge this summer! There are over 30 prizes to be awarded to the top earning students at the end of the challenge! You will be able to practice all of the skills you have learned this year and get ready for the next school year. You have 24/7 access to Mathletics through your unique username and password which is attached below.

Please sign up at: ca.mathletics.com/summermath for further details on the Challenge - including prizes!



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How do I earn points?

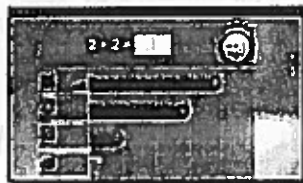
You can earn points practicing:

Curriculum Activities

OR

*Remember that curriculum activities earn more points than Live Mathletics and can be completed up to three times for additional points!

Live Mathletics



How can I find out how many points I've earned this week?

Take a look at your "points this week" located near the avatar on the top right side to keep track! You'll see an award appear when you've earned more than 1000 points that week.

Please note that the "points this week" section will be reset weekly.



Have a Great Summer!

From the Mathletics Team | 3P Learning Canada

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At 3P Learning we are committed to protecting the safety and security of our registered users. In preparation for the new school year, last year's results will be archived the week of August 14th, 2017. Students will still be able to access earned certificates through their Student Console.



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