

May 31, 2011

Dear Parents,

The English teachers at Grace Christian School are committed to an ongoing reading program for our students. We believe this emphasis is important in preparation for life in general and specifically for success in high school, pre-college testing, and college itself.

Students read classical literature throughout the year. These books are specifically selected to coincide with some of their other disciplines such as history, geography, and vocabulary.

Students are asked to continue reading throughout the summer, however, the students get to choose their summer reading from the list on the back. We have included a variety of books to choose from. The summer reading assignment will count as two test grades. All summer reading books must not have been read prior to the summer.

To receive an "A" on this assignment, the student must read 2 books chosen from the list on the back. The student must read 1 book to receive a "B." In addition, if you read as a family one book of your choosing, not necessarily from the suggested list, your child will get an additional "A" test grade.

A parent and the student will need to sign the statement below and return to their teacher by the end of the first week of school.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

In His Service,

Joanne Kinder



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*Please return this form to your Reading or Literature teacher the first day of school.*

I have read in full the following book(s) this summer:

Book Read by Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Read by Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Read as a Family: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**Summer Reading List for Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (revised 05/10)**

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| <i>A Christmas Carol</i> .....                                 | Charles Dickens         |
| <i>Across Five Aprils</i> .....                                | Irene Hunt              |
| <i>A Father's Promise</i> .....                                | Donna Hess              |
| <i>A Kind of Secret Weapon</i> .....                           | Elliot Arnold           |
| <i>America's Paul Revere</i> .....                             | Esther Forbes           |
| <i>Anne of Green Gables books</i> .....                        | L.M. Montgomery         |
| <i>Arabian Nights</i> .....                                    | W. Heath Robinson       |
| <i>Banners at Shenandoah</i> .....                             | Bruce Catton            |
| <i>Boy with a Pack</i> .....                                   | Stephen Meader          |
| <i>Calico Captive</i> .....                                    | Elizabeth George Speare |
| <i>Call of the Wild</i> .....                                  | Jack London             |
| <i>Captain Courageous</i> .....                                | Rudyard Kipling         |
| <i>Chronicles of Narnia books</i> .....                        | C.S. Lewis              |
| <i>Eight Cousins</i> .....                                     | Louisa May Alcott       |
| <i>Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage</i> .....         | Alfred Lansing          |
| <i>Freedom Fighter: The Story of William Wilberforce</i> ..... | Betty Steele Everette   |
| <i>George Washington Carver</i> .....                          | David Collins           |
| <i>Girl of the Limberlost</i> .....                            | Gene Stratton-Porter    |
| <i>God's Smuggler</i> .....                                    | Brother Andrew          |
| <i>Hudson Taylor: God's Venturer</i> .....                     | Phyllis Thomson         |
| <i>In His Steps</i> .....                                      | Charles Sheldon         |
| <i>Kidnapped</i> .....   | Robert Louis Stevenson  |
| <i>Last Battle</i> .....                                       | C.S.Lewis               |
| <i>Little Men</i> .....  | Louisa May Alcott       |
| <i>Little Women</i> .....                                      | Louisa May Alcott       |
| <i>Magician's Nephew</i> .....                                 | C.S. Lewis              |
| <i>Mossflower</i> .....  | Brian Jacques           |
| <i>No Promises in the Wind</i> .....                           | Irene Hunt              |
| <i>Papa's Wife</i> .....                                       | Thyra Ferre Bjorn       |
| <i>Prince Caspian</i> .....                                    | C.S. Lewis              |
| <i>Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm</i> .....                        | Kate Douglas Wiggin     |
| <i>Redwall</i> .....   | Brian Jacques           |
| <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> .....                                   | Daniel Defoe            |
| <i>Silver Chair</i> .....                                      | C.S. Lewis              |
| <i>Summer of the Monkeys</i> .....                             | Wilson Rawls            |
| <i>Swiss Family Robinson</i> .....                             | Johann David Wyss       |
| <i>The Horse and His Boy</i> .....                             | C.S. Lewis              |
| <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> .....                     | Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  |
| <i>The Landing of the Pilgrims</i> .....                       | James Daughterty        |
| <i>The Light and The Glory</i> .....                           | Peter Marshall          |
| <i>The Lion, the Witch &amp; the Wardrobe</i> .....            | C.S.Lewis               |
| <i>The Prince &amp; the Pauper</i> .....                       | Mark Twain              |
| <i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> .....                            | Elizabeth George Speare |

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| <i>The Silver Sword</i> .....                                 | Ian Serrailier          |
| <i>The Sword in the Stone</i> .....                           | T.H. White              |
| <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> .....                      | Elizabeth George Speare |
| <i>Treasure Island</i> .....                                  | Robert Louis Stevenson  |
| <i>Trumpeter of Krakaw</i> .....                              | Eric P. Kelly           |
| <i>Up From Slavery</i> .....                                  | Booker T. Washington    |
| <i>Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i> .....                       | C.S. Lewis              |
| <i>Walk Across America-The Walk West</i> .....                | Peter Jenkins           |
| <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> .....                         | Wilson Rawls            |
| <i>White Fang</i> .....                                       | Jack London             |
| <i>With Daring Faith</i> (A biography of Amy Carmichael)..... | Rebecca Davis           |

**The following books count as 2 books each:**

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| <i>Tales from Shakespeare</i> ..... | Charles & Mary Lamb      |
| <i>The Yearling</i> .....           | Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings |