



June, 2019

Middle School Parents:

Greetings to you all! Attached is information about our Summer Reading Program. Our goal with this program is to enhance your child's reading fluency, vocabulary development and comprehension skills over the summer months, to prevent the "summer slide" and increase his or her confidence next year. Children who read on a regular basis perform well in their academics and become more enthusiastic about learning. Here at DCA we foster an environment of excitement about learning as well as read as a means to discover the world which our Almighty Creator has made for us. We appreciate your support and encouragement as your child makes a habit of reading this summer.

Please keep in mind as you review the list and guidelines for your child's grade level that we have attempted to gather a collection of books suitable for average readers. Ultimately, students should read selections at their unique reading level. We have made the selections based on their literary value, moral and ethical points of view, and capacity to stimulate a student's critical thinking skills. We suggest that you take the time to read the books yourself. This can inspire a lively discussion about how the book's contents line up with your family's point of view. The list is not meant to be comprehensive, so feel free to select books beyond the list. It is important for students to select books which interest them. If you have any questions or would like additional suggestions, please contact me.

We also suggest that you and your child set aside a time each day for reading. Select a time of day that is relaxed and quiet, and it will soon become a time that you both look forward to. Incidentally, reading aloud together can also be a wonderful way to spend quality moments. May God richly bless your summer as you experience many new reading adventures. Thank you for helping us to grow enthusiastic learners!

Select books from your child's given list or others which interest them, and complete the respective Reading Log to keep track of their progress. Paragraphs and log may be turned in on the second day of school:

****Suggested summer reading plan**

Entering Grade 7

**600-900 minutes

Read *Kisses from Katie*, *Through My Eyes*, or *Linspired* and write a summary/evaluation.



Dayspring Christian Academy Summer Reading List
Students Entering Grade 7

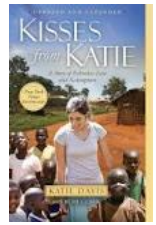
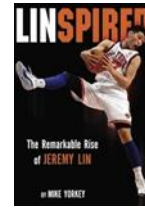
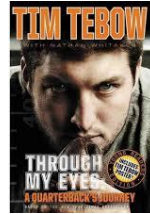
Choose one of the following:

Author

Davis, Katie
 Tebow, Tim
 Yorkey, Mike

Title

*Kisses from Katie**
*Through My Eyes**
*Linspired**



*Any one of these biographies is required reading for all 7th graders.

They may be purchased for approximately \$5 on Amazon.com, if not available at the library.

Assignment (due the second day of school):

Write or type a 5-10 sentence summary of the book, including textual evidence (a small quote or portion of the reading) to support what you think is the most impactful part of the novel. Also, write a 5-10 sentence explanation of your thoughts about Katie's, Tim's or Jeremy's testimony and how his/her story impacts your walk with Christ. This assignment will be the basis for a Response Essay on the book during the first few weeks of school.

Your other book choice(s) could come from the list below, or others to use as you fill out your reading log. If you have any questions regarding other wholesome, appropriate reading selections, please feel free to email me with questions! ktheroux@dayspringag.org
 Goal: 600 minutes

Author

Austin, Jane
 Avi
 Choldenko, Gennifer
 Curtis, Christopher Paul
 Cushman, Carol
 Dickens, Charles
 Forbes, K
 Fritz, Jean
 Hamilton, Bethany
 Hesse, K
 Konigsburg, E.L.
 Lewis, C.S.
 London, J
 Lowry, Lois
 Meyers, Walter Dean
 MacDonald, George
 Park, Linda Sue
 Paterson, Katherine
 Paulsen, Gary
 Peretti, Frank
 Pyle, Howard
 Reiss, Johanna
 Soto, Gary
 Spinelli, Jerry
 Stevenson, R. L.
 Stowe, H. B.
 Verne, J.
 Wiesel, Elie
 Wells, H.G.
 Wyss, Johann
 Yolen, Jane

Title

Pride and Prejudice
 The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
 Al Capone Does my Shirts
 The Watsons Go to Birmingham
 The Midwife's Apprentice
 Great Expectations
 Mama's Bank Account
 Homesick
 Soul Surfer
 Out of the Dust
 The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place
 The Horse and His Boy
 White Fang
 Messenger OR The Giver
 Bad Boy: A Memoir
 The Baronet's Song, OR The Princess and the Goblin, OR The Shepherd's Castle
 A Single Shard
 Jacob Have I Loved
 Hatchet
 No More Bullies
 The Story of King Arthur and His Knights
 The Upstairs Room
 Baseball in April and Other Great Stories
 Crash
 Kidnapped, OR Treasure Island
 Uncle Tom's Cabin
 Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea
 Night
 The Time Machine
 The Swiss Family Robinson
 The Devil's Arithmetic

