

June 3, 2010

Dear Parents,

I want to start by saying that I am so pleased to be able to continue teaching your child in Language Arts, Literature and History. The opportunity to teach a class for two years is a favorite of mine since we are able to begin the year already understanding many of the classroom expectations and having relationships already built. I look forward to continuing to grow with your child as the children begin their middle school experience.

To prepare for sixth grade I have attached a summer reading list and a rubric to guide your student's writing about his or her reading. Your child is to read at least 2 books this summer. One of the books may be from the reading list or your child may submit a proposal to read a different book of his or her choice to my email by June 11th. The proposal must include the title, author, and a description explaining why this book would be a good alternative to one of the books on the list. The second book your child is required to read is: *The Black Pearl* by Scott O' Dell. After the books have been read, your child is to complete at least 1 page written about each story using rubric guidelines. These write ups will be scored and inserted into the Trimester 1 Reading grade. Remember to bring summer reading pages to class on the first day. There will also be a test on the required reading book. I suggest you encourage your child to read the required book last so they are prepared for the book content test.

You can expect your child to continue to develop as a reader and a writer. Your child has learned that writing is a process; therefore it is very important to edit and revise your work. Please encourage your child to read through his or her final draft before turning in work because oftentimes small errors will be caught. I look forward to a hard-work, yet fun-filled year as I am honored to spend another year with your child. Have a wonderful summer. May God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

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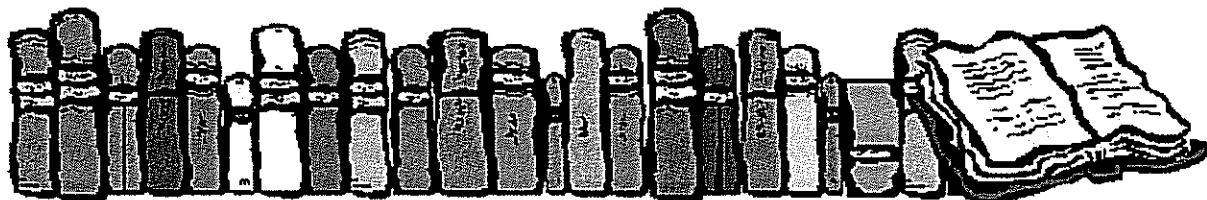
**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST
Grade 6 – Fall 2010**

Students are required to read Scott O' Dell's *The Black Pearl* and 1 other book from the following list before the start of classes on August 25, 2010.

Students are required to write a Summer Book Project per the attached Rubric for each book.

The written projects are due on August 25, 2010.

Title	Author
The Black Pearl	Scott O' Dell (Required)
Aquamarine	Hoffman, Alice
Alida's Song	Paulsen, Gary
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick, Brian
Criss Cross (2006 Newbery Medal)	Perkins, Lynne
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson
Penny from Heaven	Holm, Jennifer
Dateline: Troy	Fleischman, Paul
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	Rowling, J.K.
Boy (autobiography)	Dahl, Roald
Children of Christmas	Rylant, Cynthia
The Cay	Taylor, Theodore
Nightrise - The Gatekeepers, Book 1	Horowitz, Anthony
Evil Star - The Gatekeepers, Book 2	Horowitz, Anthony
The Westing Game	Raskin, Ellen
Eldest	Paolini, Christopher
Pandora of Athens	Denenberg, Barry
The Titan's Curse	Riordan, Rick
The Lost Colony (Bk 5, Artemis Fowl)	Colfer, Eoin
The Foxman	Paulsen, Gary
The Winter Room	Paulsen, Gary
Small Steps	Sachar, Louis
The Egyptian Box	Curry, Louise



Name: _____

Date: _____

Summer Book Project Rubric

The purpose of this assignment is to encourage you to continue reading throughout the summer. Reading is so important because it can take you on adventures, provide information, and help you to become a better student in school. I want you to write about what you read to show me that you have completed your reading assignment. Writing about your book will help you share your story with others. Please use the rubric below as a tool to help you do your **BEST WORK** on the writing portion of this assignment. This assignment is worth 30 points total. In order to get full credit, fulfill all of the 5 point requirements.

Category	0 - 2 points	3 - 4 points	5 points
Name, date completed, title and author displayed	Not present	Some, but not all requirements are present	All requirements are present
Main Characters (May be 1 or a few important characters)	Main character is mentioned, but no detail is given	Main character is described but few details are given. (no mention to personality or importance to story)	At least 1 paragraph is written describing the main character's appearance, personality, and importance to the story
Plot (What happened in the story)	Plot is mentioned, but no detail is given	One paragraph is written in detail about major events in the story	At least 2 paragraphs are written in detail about major events in the story
Recommendation and Opinion of the Book	No recommendation or opinion included	At least 1 paragraph is written about your opinion and recommendation but little details given	At least 1 paragraph is written describing what you thought of the book and why. (Explain who would like this book and why, and your opinion of the book)
Format/Neatness	Incomplete, messy, format ignored	Less than 1 page is messy writing and/or single spaced	At least 1 page written in best cursive or typed, double spaced
Timing	3+ days late	1-2 days late	Turned in the first day you arrive at school