



## Redwood Christian Middle School & High School

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Dear Parents and Incoming Middle School students:

Summer Break is just around the corner, and with it comes a few changes here at RCMS. In the past, the summer reading assignments have been based on the curriculum of your English instructor. This summer, the English Department is making some changes in an effort to give you more options to choose material that is of specific interest to you.

Below (attached), you will find a table of reading selections from which to choose your summer reading novel. Incoming 7th grade students are required to read *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* – Lewis plus one or more of the choices on the list. Incoming 8th grade students must choose two or more of the selections provided.

Over the summer months, read your chosen selections and return in August prepared to write an essay from a prompt specifically chosen for your grade level. This first assignment will be used to assess, not only your knowledge of the chosen selections, but also your ability to organize your thoughts according to a prompt that addresses specific literary elements. It is your benchmark work for the following year.

The book selections may be checked out of your local library, downloaded to a Kindle or other device or purchased as you see fit. If you check the book out of the local library, be certain to renew the title in order to have the book in class the first two weeks of school in August.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Mrs. Magee at [LouiseMagee@rcs.edu](mailto:LouiseMagee@rcs.edu). All of us in the English department look forward to seeing you in the fall!

God Bless your summer!

Louise C. Magee \_\_\_\_\_

"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall." — Roald Dahl

## Recommendations for Summer Reading assignments 2017

### Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students:

Must read: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*- Lewis (in your *Narnia* textbook), PLUS at least one or more of the selections below.

### Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:

Must read: **TWO** of the selections below:

Choose from the following list of books to read this summer. Your first writing assignment for the year will be based on one of the books that you choose to read. You may choose more than two over the summer, and then decide which title to write on when you see the prompt in August.

Science Fiction / Fantasy	Historical fiction	Classic Literature
<i>The Giver</i>	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	<i>Call of the Wild</i>
<i>The Tower of Geburah</i>	<i>Boy in the Stripped Pajamas</i>	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
<i>Redwall</i>	<i>Souder</i>	<i>Treasure Island</i>
<i>The Time Machine - Wells</i>	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	<i>Hatchet</i>
	<i>Carlotta - ODell</i>	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>

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## Summer Reading Report

*This form must be submitted to your Middle School English teacher by the first day of class:*

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Books read\*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature\*\*

\*Books must be from the approved Summer Reading List for each grade.

\*\*Parents please verify that your student has completed the readings before signing.