

Saint Peter's Grade Eight - Summer Reading 2018

* What are the reading requirements?

All students in grade 8 are required to read a total of three (3) books. Please read the required novel, one fictional novel, and a non-fiction title.

1) **Required fiction: Things Not Seen** by Andrew Clements ISBN: 978-0142407318

2) In addition to the required fiction, please choose **ONE** of the fiction titles listed below:

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman ISBN: 978-0060530945

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving ISBN: 1599869306

Tangerine by Edward Bloor ISBN: 978-0439286039

Schooled by Gordon Korman ISBN: 1423105168

The Thief of Always by Clive Barker ISBN: 0061684260

Non-fiction:

Please choose a substantial non-fiction book to read this summer. You may choose to read a biography, a title of your choice, or you may choose from the list given below.

Below is an overview of concepts covered in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science and social studies classes if you wish to revisit or explore in advance a topic related to the school curriculum.

Grade	Science	Social Studies
6th grade	Water and the Atmosphere Ecology and the Environment Diversity of Life Antoine Lavoisier	Ancient cultures: Special focus on Egypt, Greece and Rome
7th grade	Cells and Heredity Human Body Systems Sound and Light Earth's Surface Louis Pasteur	Cultures of the World: Special Focus on Africa and Asia
8th grade	Earth's Structure Forces and Energy Intro to Chemistry Marie Curie	United States History from the Revolution through the 20th Century

Non – Fiction Selection

Choose **ONE** of the titles listed below:

- Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America** by Teri Kanefield ISBN: 1419725785
- Almost Astronauts: Women Who Dared to Dream**
by Tanya Lee Stone ISBN: 0763645028
- Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart**
by Candace Fleming ISBN: 0375841989
- Athletes with Disabilities** by Deborah Kent ISBN: 0545174155
- Beating the Odds** by Mary Packard ISBN: 0516246828
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- Crisis in Space: Apollo 13** by Mark T. Beyer ISBN: 1423105168
- Darkness over Denmark** by Ellen Levine ISBN: 0823414477
- Death on the River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Amazon Adventure**
by Samantha Seiple ISBN: 0545709164
- Exploration of Africa** by Colin Hynson ISBN: 1860070760
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- The First Americans** by Anthony F. Aveni ISBN: 0439551447
- How Would You Survive as an Aztec?** By Fiona McDonald ISBN: 0531153045
- Step Into: Aztec and Maya World** by Fiona McDonald ISBN: 1844764206
ISBN: 0836859049
- Meteors, Meteorites and Meteoroids** by Ray Spangenburg ISBN: 0531155676
- Don't Know Much About Space** by Kenneth C. Davis _ ISBN: 0064408353
- The Moon** by Margaret W. Carruthers ISBN: 0531163733
- Wacky Trees** by Dorothy M. Souza ISBN: 053116246X
- World War II** by Tom McGowen ISBN: 0531156613
- Black Diamond** by Patricia C. McKissack ISBN: 0590458094
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- Bound for America: Forced Migration of Africans**
by James Haskins ISBN: 0688102581
- . . . If You Lived When There Was Slavery in America**
by Anne Kamma and Pamela Johnson ISBN: 0439567068
- Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay**
by Jennifer Dewey Owings ISBN: 1563977621
- Sea Otter Rescue** by Roland Smith ISBN: 014056621X

Rising 8th Grade Summer Assignment

- **What are the assignments?**
- For the required fiction book *Things Not Seen* and the additional chosen fiction book:
 - Please read the novels. Be prepared to discuss each novel at length, including plot, characters, etc.
 - Please complete the **Summer Reading Assignment (attached page)** for *Things Not Seen* and the book you choose. (this means you should complete one full sheet *per* book).
- For Non-Fiction Selections: Read the book and complete the following activity.
 - Compile a List of at least 15-20 interesting facts about your topic. Write in complete sentences and include page numbers (Yes, you may type this part of your assignment).

Scroll down for the Summer Reading Assignment worksheet...

Summer Reading Assignment
For Rising Eighth Graders

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Directions: Please complete one chart for each book you read. Use as many details and examples as possible when filling in your chart

Title of Novel: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____

<p>Point of View (first person uses I, me, we, and us; third person uses he, she, it, they and them.) Please include a quote from the novel to prove your answer.</p>	
<p>Setting The time and place in which the events takes place. Include geographic location, historical context, weather, time, psychological context of the characters, their way of life.</p>	
<p>Major Characters Please list the names of two major characters Give physical and personality descriptions. How does each character relate to others in the story?</p>	
<p>Minor Characters Please list the names of two minor characters. Give physical and personality descriptions.</p>	

How does each character relate to others in the story?	
Conflict (problem) What is the main conflict in the story?	
Plot Use bullet points to summarize the story.	
Climax (What is the point of greatest tension in the story? After this point, the conflict is resolved)	
Theme (What is the overall message the author intends to impart to the reader?)	