

## SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Book 1 Required Reading for **ALL** students in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Witch of Blackbird Pond  
by Elizabeth Speare

Book 2 Required Reading for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Literature

The Pearl  
By John Steinbeck

Book 2 Required Reading for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature

Outsiders  
by S.E. Hinton

Book 3 Choose a book from the following list:

Robinson Crusoe (Defoe)  
Hunchback of Notre Dame (Hugo)  
The Outsiders (Hinton)  
Redwall (Jacques)  
Dogsong (Paulsen)  
Children of the River (Crew)  
Walk Two Moons (Creech)  
Flowers for Algernon (Keyes)  
The Invisible Man (Welles)  
Out of the Silent Planet (Lewis)  
House of Dies Drear (Hamilton)  
Red Pony (Steinbeck)  
Light in the Forest (Richter)  
Call it Courage (Sperry)  
The Hobbit (Tolkien)  
Treasure Island (Stevenson)  
The Secret Garden (Meredith)  
Little Women (Alcott)  
Out of Egypt (Rice)  
Bronze Bow (Speare)  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (White)

## SUMMER READING INFORMATION

St. Ignatius has a Summer Reading Program for all students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Each student is **required** to read at least two (2) books. The teachers choose one book and the other is chosen by the student from a grade level list. The students need to read the books during summer vacation and **will be held accountable for these books.**

- Each student will take an Accelerated Reader test online for their required reading. This may be taken during the summer in the library or computer room or the first week of school.

Reading classes, during the first two weeks of school, will be devoted to discussions, testing, and projects involving the books read over the summer. **The students will be graded on these activities.** This will be their first Reading grade (s) of the school year.

All books on the list can be found at our school library, the public libraries, or any of the bookstores in the area.

We recommend that you purchase the required book, as the student will need them for Reading classes at the beginning of the school year.