

Summer Reading Assignment -- 7th and 8th Grade

1. All incoming seventh and eighth grade students are allowed to choose their own summer reading books this year!
 - a. Students should have a goal of reading 3 or more books this summer!
(Remember reading for 20 minutes a day = approx. 1.8 million words by the end of the year!)
 - b. Books should be a good fit -- an appropriate reading level and a topic that you are interested in.
 - i. <https://fabexile.com> can be a great source to help you find books. You can also do a google search by topic, author, or genre. You can also ask a friend or a local librarian for recommendations. There are so many resources out there for you--use them wisely!
 - c. Students will need to choose ONE of the three books they read to complete this assignment.

2. After reading the book, you need to write a **letter** to me that meets the following requirements:
 - a. The date
 - b. A greeting (Dear Ms. B, Dear Ms. Bodmer, Hi Ms. B!, etc.)
 - c. A paragraph that tells me about your summer.
 - d. A paragraph that tells me about the book that you read. Think about including: Characters, plot, conflict, resolution, main idea, setting, etc.
 - e. A closing signature, and your name.The letter should be AT LEAST one front of a page long, handwritten.

3. To turn in the letter, hand it to me in person on the first day of school!

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please feel free to send me an email; bbodmer@stpius-x.com. Thank you!

Name: _____

Example of a Letter

June 18th, 2020

Dear Future 7th and 8th Graders,

How are you? It is so weird to be working at school without seeing all of your smiling faces. I am excited for summer, but I definitely do miss you all!

I am very excited for the year ahead, and I have set a lot of new goals for myself for this coming school year. What are some of your goals, what are you going to do this year to step it up and get involved? Seventh and eighth grade are two of the most important years at St. Pius X. It is time to dive right on into the full experience of being a middle schooler.

Speaking of diving, what have you been up to all summer? I am so looking forward to hearing all about your summers. Where did you go? Who did you spend time with? What did you do? What did you read? Yes, read. My goal this summer is to read one book a week. That's 10 books over the next two months! Can you beat me?

We will be doing lots of great reading this year. Seventh grade, we will read novels that take us all over the globe to various moments in history. The world is a big and complicated place which is why it's so important to learn about the experiences of others. Hopefully learning about others' experiences will help us grow in our own kindness and understanding.

For my eighth graders, we will be reading my favorite author of all time, Shakespeare! Not only did he know how to write for an audience, he was a master of the English language. He is credited with adding approximately 1,700 words to the English language by changing nouns into verbs, changing verbs into adjectives, connecting words never before used together, adding prefixes and suffixes and devising words wholly original. He reminds us that it's important to know the rules of language, and to know when to break them.

I look forward to reading your letters, and hearing all about your summers. If you have any questions at all over the summer, feel free to send me an email! I can be reached at bbodmer@stpious-x.com.

I hope to see you all in person this fall!

Sincerely,
Ms. Bodmer