

# 2018-2019 REQUIRED

## *Summer Reading Cover Letter*

Dear Parents,

Summertime is the perfect time to encourage our children to engage their sense of curiosity and wonder through reading. The literature recommended by Saint Therese Carmelite School is chosen to nourish the minds and hearts of our students.

In addition to the required summer reading we have enclosed Summer Reading lists of recommended reading for TK through eighth grade.

**REQUIRED** Summer Reading for TK through Eighth Grade:

- **TK, K, First, Second, and Third Grade**  
THREE chapter books read to student or TWELVE picture books
- **Fourth Grade\***  
1<sup>st</sup> Book: The Borrowers by Mary Norton (Book Report)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Book: The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmonds (Quiz)
- **Fifth Grade\***  
1<sup>st</sup> Book: Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink (Book Report)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Book: Madeline Takes Command by Ethel Claire Brill (Quiz)
- **Sixth Grade**  
1<sup>st</sup> Book: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor (Book Report)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Book: The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw (Quiz)
- **Seventh Grade\***  
1<sup>st</sup> Book: I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Treviño (Book Report)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Book: The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly (Quiz)
- **Eighth Grade\***  
1<sup>st</sup> Book: Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (Book Report)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Book: The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom (Quiz)

**NEW! \*4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade must write a 3-5 paragraph book report on the FIRST required book and be prepared to pass a quiz on the SECOND required book. These assignments WILL receive a grade.**

The required reading must be finished by **August 27**.

ALL students are eligible for the *Summer Readers' Donut Party*. Please refer to the Summer Readers' Donut Party Flyer enclosed in your Summer Packet.

Enjoy your summer break!

Mrs. Alma Cornejo, Principal



"UNTIL I FEARED I WOULD LOSE IT,  
I NEVER LOVED TO READ.  
ONE DOES NOT LOVE BREATHING"

- TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

"I wasn't too good at playing games, but I did love reading very much and would have spent my life at it. I had human angels, fortunately for me, to guide me in the choice of the books which, while being entertaining, nourished both my heart and mind."

- Saint Therese, *Story of a Soul*

### Good Books

By Edgar Guest

Good books are friendly things to own.  
If you are busy they will wait.  
They will not call you on the phone  
Or wake you if the hour is late.  
They stand together row by row,  
Upon the low shelf or the high.  
But if you're lonesome this you know:  
You have a friend or two nearby.

The fellowship of books is real.  
They're never noisy when you're still.  
They won't disturb you at your meal.  
They'll comfort you when you are ill.  
The lonesome hours they'll always share.  
When slighted they will not complain.  
And though for them you've ceased to care  
Your constant friends they'll still remain.

Good books your faults will never see  
Or tell about them round the town.  
If you would have their company  
You merely have to take them down.  
They'll help you pass the time away,  
They'll counsel give if that you need.  
He has true friends for night and day  
Who has a few good books to read.

"The more that you read,  
the more things you will  
know. The more that  
you learn, the more  
places you'll go."  
- DR. SEUSS



ON YOUR MARK,  
GET SET...

**READ**