

SUMMER READING 2019

RIISING 7TH GRADERS, WINSTON SALEM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

7th grade students,

Though the school year is over, it is already time to prepare for next year. You are required you to read 2 books this summer and write about each book.

Here are some reasons why we have a Summer Reading program at WSCS:

- It is important to develop habits of reading! The more you read, the better reader you will become. Reading is important in all subjects, and it increases academic success!
- Reading quality literature helps us to expand our vocabulary, introduce us to different cultures and perspectives, and think deeply about important topics.
- Reading can help us grow in our faith and knowledge of scripture. Developing strong reading and literacy skills can help us read and interpret the Bible, allowing us to gain a deeper understanding of our faith in Jesus Christ and the theological principals of Christianity.
- Reading common books over the summer will help us start off the school year with content to discuss. We'll be able to start literature discussions right away!

All rising 7th graders are required to read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Besides this book, all students must read **at least one** of the following books:

- *King Arthur and his Knights* by Howard Pyle (Townsend Pres edition)
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- *The Watsons go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

That means that the required summer reading for rising 7th graders is a total of 2 books. You are welcome to read all of the books on the list if you'd like! They are all wonderful books.

For both books that you read, you must write at least a 3 paragraph reflection on the book. You may handwrite this reflection on a piece of notebook paper, or you may type and print your reflection. This will be collected on the second day of school for a grade. Be sure to do your best work on this assignment! Show off everything you already know about writing.

As you write your reflection assignment, consider answering some of these questions:

What did you think of the book as a whole? Who were some of the main characters? Were you surprised by any of the events in the book? What do you think is the overall message/theme that this book communicates? Would you recommend that someone read this book?

Bring both summer reading books to English Class beginning the first day of school.