

# Miami Christian School

## Summer Reading List

### 2011

Dear Parents:

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At Miami Christian School, literature is highly valued. We encourage our students to read for information so they can be successful in the academic disciplines of school. However, our greater concern is that they learn to read for enjoyment. When students enjoy reading, they become readers for a lifetime and not just a school year.

We know that you also value reading and want your child to establish good reading skills and habits. We are asking for your help and support during the summer when your child will have more time at home for recreational reading. Below is a list of some recommended as well as required reading for the summer. Children entering Kindergarten-5 and first grade may have the required books read to them. K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students: please complete a Reading Record for the books your children have had read to them or have read on their own.

Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade have required reading assignments that will be explained the first week of school. Students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be required to write a book report while 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to complete a journal with 8-10 entries.

The sample format for MS and HS assignments as well as the elementary reading log are on the [www.miamichristian.org](http://www.miamichristian.org) website. Check the reading criteria under each grade level, assignments will be due the first few weeks of school. Please help us by making a special trip to the library several times this summer to see that your child is able to accomplish his or her required reading.

Cordially in Christ,

Lorena Morrison, Ed.D.  
School Head

## SUMMER READING – 2011

### Elementary

#### **Students entering Kindergarten-5 should read (or have read to them):**

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day.....	Judith Viorst
Are You My Mother?.....	P.D. Eastman
Dr. Seuss Books (Cat in the Hat, Hop on Pop, etc.) .....	Dr. Seuss
Noah's Ark.....	Peter Spier
Peter's Chair.....	Ezra Jack Keats
Random House Book of Mother Goose: A Treasury	
The Runaway Bunny.....	Margaret Wise Brown
Swimmy .....	Leo Lionni
The Very Hungry Caterpillar .....	Eric Carle

#### **Students entering First Grade should read (or have read to them):**

Any book from the "I Can Read" or "Beginner Reader" series	
Curious George books.....	H.A. Rey
Frog and Toad books .....	Arnold Lobel
The Giving Tree .....	Shel Silverstein
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie books.....	Laura Numeroff
The Little Engine that Could.....	Watty Piper
Leo the Late Bloomer .....	Robert Kraus
The Princess and the Pea.....	Hans Christian Anderson
Skippyjonjones books .....	Judy Schachner
There's an Alligator Under My Bed .....	Mercer Mayer
Where the Wild Things Are.....	Maurice Sendak

**Students entering Second Grade should read (or have read to them):**

Abuela.....	Arthur Dorros
Amber Brown series .....	Paula Danziger
Amelia Bedelia stories .....	Peggy Parish
A Chair for My Mother.....	Vera B. Williams
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs.....	Judi Barrett
The Dog that Pitched a No Hitter.....	Matt Christopher
Frances books.....	Russell Hoban
Junie B. Jones books .....	Barbara Park
Madeleine in London .....	Ludwig Bemelmans
Miss Nelson is Missing.....	Harry Allard
Nate the Great books.....	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Stone Soup .....	Marcia Brown

**Students entering Third Grade should read one of the following:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

The Velveteen Rabbit .....	Margery Williams
A to Z Mystery series.....	Ron Roy
Clementine books.....	Sara Pennypacker
The Geronimo Stilton series .....	Geronimo Stilton
The Hundred Dresses .....	Eleanor Estes
Molly's Pilgrim.....	Barbara Cohen
My Father's Dragon.....	Ruth Stiles Gannett
James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, or The B.F.G .....	Roald Dahl
The Stories Julian Tells.....	Ann Cameron

**Students entering Fourth Grade should read one of the following:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

The Family Under the Bridge .....	Natalie Savage Carlson
The Whipping Boy.....	Sid Fleischman
How to Eat Fried Worms .....	Thomas Rockwell
Mr. Popper's Penguins.....	Richard Atwater
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom.....	Louis Sachar
James in the Giant Peach .....	Roald Dahl
Ramona Series.....	Beverly Cleary
Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher.....	Bruce Coville
Judy Blume Books	

**Students entering Fifth Grade should read one of the following:**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

Snow Treasure .....	Marie McSwiggan
The Indian in the Cupboard .....	Lynne Reid Banks
Baseball in April and Other Stories .....	Gary Soto
Bridge to Terabithia .....	Katherine Paterson
Tuck Everlasting .....	Natalie Babbitt
Frindle.....	Andrew Clements
Dear America series .....	various authors
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key .....	Jack Gantos
The Magician's Nephew (Chronicles of Narnia series).....	C.S. Lewis
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh.....	Robert C. O'Brien
Artemis Fowl .....	Eoin Colfer

## **Middle School**

### **Students entering Sixth Grade:**

REQUIRED READING (Regular & Honors): Flush by Carl Hiaasen

Honors Track Students are also required to choose a second book from the Middle School Recommended Reading List, or another book written by an author who is on the list.

### **Students entering Seventh Grade:**

REQUIRED READING (Regular & Honors): Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Honors Track Students are also required to choose a second book from the Middle School Recommended Reading List, or another book written by an author who is on the list

### **Students entering Eighth Grade:**

REQUIRED READING (Regular & Honors): Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Honors Track Students are also required to choose a second book from the Middle School Recommended Reading List, or another book written by an author on the list.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOMMENDED READING:**

Alex Rider adventures.....	Anthony Horowitz
Among the Hidden.....	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Anne of Green Gables.....	Lucy Maud Montgomery
Black Boy .....	Richard Wright
The City of Ember .....	J. DuPrau
Crispin: The Cross of Lead.....	Avi
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths.....	Ingri & Edgar D'Aulaire
Eragon series .....	Christopher Paolini
Esperanza Rising.....	Pam Munoz Ryan
Eyes of the Emperor.....	Graham Salisbury
Fever, 1793 .....	Laurie Halse Anderson
The Hatchet.....	Gary Paulsen
Heat.....	Mike Lupica
Holes .....	Louis Sachar
Inkheart series .....	Cornelia Funke
The Invention of Hugo Cabret .....	David Selznick
Island of the Blue Dolphin.....	Scott O'Dell
The Lightning Thief.....	Rick Riordan
The Little Prince .....	Antoine de Saint-Exupery
The Magician's Elephant .....	Kate DiCamillo
Maniac McGee.....	Jerry Spinelli
Maximum Ride books.....	James Patterson
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH .....	Sheila Burnford
Penny from Heaven.....	Jennifer Holm
The Pigman .....	Paul Zindel
Princess Academy.....	Shannon Hale
Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083 .....	Andrea White
Sword of the Rightful King.....	Jane Yolen
Things Not Seen.....	Andrew Clements
Where the Red Fern Grows.....	Wilson Rawles
A Wrinkle in Time .....	Madeleine L'Engle

## High School

### **Students entering Ninth Grade:**

REQUIRED READING for Regular and Honors students: Speak- Laurie Halse Anderson

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING for Honors students: One book from the recommended list below:

#### RECOMMENDED READING:

13 Little Blue Envelopes.....	Maureen Johnson
Animal Farm .....	George Orwell
Cupid.....	Julius Lester
Ender's Game.....	Orson Scott Card
Hero .....	S.L. Rottman
The House of the Scorpion .....	Nancy Farmer
The Hobbit .....	J.R.R. Tolkein
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.....	Maya Angelou
The Man in the Iron Mask .....	Alexandre Dumas
The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens.....	Franklin Covey
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series .....	Ann Brashares
Tears of a Tiger .....	Sharon Draper
This Present Darkness.....	Frank Peretti
Three .....	Ted Dekker
The Truth About Forever .....	Sarah Dessen

### **Students entering Tenth Grade:**

REQUIRED READING for Regular and Honors students: The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING for Honors students: The Good Thief – Hannah Tinti

#### RECOMMENDED READING:

The Circle Trilogy (Black, Red, White) .....	Ted Dekker
The Color of Water .....	James McBride
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.....	Mark Haddon
Cut.....	Patricia McCormick
Feed.....	M.T. Anderson
Friday Night Lights: A Town, A Team and a Dream .....	H.G. Bissinger
In the Time of the Butterflies.....	Julia Alvarez
The Life of Pi: A Novel .....	Yann Martel
Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog.....	John Grogan
Native Son.....	Richard Wright
The Once and Future King.....	T.H. White
Rebecca .....	Daphne DuMaurier
Selected Tales .....	Edgar Allan Poe

### **Students entering Eleventh Grade:**

REQUIRED READING for Regular and Honors students: Leviathan – Scott Westerfield

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING for Honors students: Blink of an Eye – Ted Dekker

#### RECOMMENDED READING:

The Bell Jar .....	Sylvia Plath
The Book Thief .....	Markus Zusak
The Color Purple.....	Alice Walker
Digging to America.....	Anne Tyler
Lost Horizon .....	James Hilton
My Antonia .....	Willa Cather
The Nick Adams Stories .....	Ernest Hemingway
The Picture of Dorian Gray.....	Oscar Wilde
A Raisin in the Sun .....	Lorraine Hansberry

Skin .....	Ted Dekker
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan.....	Lisa See
The Testament.....	John Grisham
Till We Have Faces.....	C.S. Lewis
Uncle Tom's Cabin.....	Harriet Beecher Stowe
Walden .....	Henry David Thoreau

### **Students entering Twelfth Grade:**

REQUIRED READING for Regular and Honors students: Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING:

HONORS STUDENTS: Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte OR Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe

### **RECOMMENDED READING:**

Adam.....	Ted Dekker
The Count of Monte Cristo .....	Alexandre Dumas
Digging to America.....	Anne Tyler
Heart of Darkness .....	Joseph Conrad
Jane Eyre.....	Charlotte Bronte
Kite Runner.....	Khaled Hosseini
Lord of the Rings trilogy.....	J.R.R. Tolkein
The Nine Tailors .....	Dorothy L. Sayers
Nineteen Minutes .....	Jodi Picoult
Oliver Twist .....	Charles Dickens
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich .....	Alexander Solzhenitsyn
The Poisonwood Bible .....	Barbara Kingsolver
Shadow Divers .....	Robert Kurson
The Shadow of the Wind .....	Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Thirteenth Tale.....	Diane Setterfield
Three Cups of Tea: A Novel.....	Mortenson & Relin
Water for Elephants: A Novel.....	Sara Gruen
Zorro .....	Isabel Allende

### **Mrs. Vila's Class**

REQUIRED READING: **returning students** – The Ghost of Spirit Bear – Ben Mikaelson / **new students** – Touching Spirit Bear – Ben Mikaelson

### **RECOMMENDED READING:**

Among the Hidden.....	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Crispin: The Cross of Lead .....	Avi
Eragon series .....	Christopher Paolini
Esperanza Rising.....	Pam Munoz Ryan
Heat.....	Mike Lupica
Holes .....	Louis Sachar
The Lightning Thief.....	Rick Riordan
The Magician's Elephant .....	Kate DiCamillo
The Pigman .....	Paul Zindel
Running Out of Time .....	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Sword of the Rightful King.....	Jane Yolen
Where the Red Fern Grows.....	Wilson Rawles
A Wrinkle in Time .....	Madeleine L'Engle
Animal Farm .....	George Orwell
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.....	Maya Angelou
The Man in the Iron Mask .....	Alexandre Dumas
The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens.....	Franklin Covey
Speak.....	Laurie Halse Anderson

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series .....	Ann Brashares
The Good Thief – Hannah Tinti	
Native Son.....	Richard Wright
Night .....	Elie Wiesel
The Book Thief.....	Markus Zusak
A Raisin in the Sun .....	Lorraine Hansberry
Kite Runner.....	Khaled Hosseini
Lord of the Rings trilogy.....	J.R.R. Tolkein
Water for Elephants: A Novel.....	Sara Gruen

### **HIGH SCHOOL AP ENGLISH STUDENTS:**

Assignment - Summer Reading:

Choose 1 non-fiction book from the following list. A little blurb about each one is available on Barnesandnoble.com or Amazon.com. As you read your selected book, highlight AND take notes within the book regarding the important aspects present.

Paula by Isabel Allende  
 It's Not About the Bike by Lance Armstrong  
 A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah  
 The Nazi Officer's Wife by Edith Hahn Beer  
 Waiting for Snow in Havana by Carlos Eire  
 Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy  
 All But My Life by Gerda Klein  
 Lone Survivor by Luttrell and Robison  
 The Color of Water by James McBride  
 Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt  
 Red Azalea by Anchee Min  
 Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi  
 Beyond Band of Brothers by Winters and Kingseed  
 Black Boy by Richard Wright