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Dear Parents of Incoming 7th and 8th Graders,

This summer CJHS is offering our students a choice for summer reading. Students may choose from a list of eight books that align with the student's Lexile measure. Lexiles provide a scientific approach to match a student's reading ability with appropriate texts. By utilizing Lexiles this summer, we hope your child will select a book that interests him or her for a satisfying summer reading experience and fulfills our purpose for required reading in the summer - keeping your child engaged in text and encouraging a life-long love of reading.

If you are a current family with us, your child will receive their Lexile measure from current sixth and seventh grade teachers. However, if your child will be new to Christian this fall, we ask that you work with your child to select one of the listed books that fits your child's reading ability – not too challenging, but not too easy.

Please refer to the attached book list. We have selected classics – both old and new – that align with our Christian values. You'll see a link for each book to a review, so you and your child can determine if this is an appropriate selection and one that you know your child will enjoy (and, of course, one they have not read before). The Christian biographies do not have a Lexile measure, so we placed them in the appropriate reading level. If you have any questions or concerns about the book list, please contact us.

In the first few days of school, your child will be asked to write an in-class report about their summer book. In that regard, it would be helpful to have a copy of the book when school begins. We highly suggest that students annotate and take notes on each chapter and bring that with them to school.

In His service,

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P. S. For more information about Lexile measures, see <https://lexile.com/parents-students/understanding-your-lexile-measure/how-to-get-a-lexile-measure/>

**CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH
SUMMER READING LIST CHOICES**

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Number the Stars 670 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/number-the-stars	Light in the Forest 870 https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-1-883332-42-6	God's Smuggler https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/824062.God_s_Smuggler	The Boy on the Wooden Box 1000 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/boy-on-the-wooden-box
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle 740 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/true-confessions-of-charlotte-doyle/	My Side of the Mountain 810 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/my-side-of-the-mountain	All Creatures Great & Small 990 https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18929854-all-creatures-great-and-small?ac=1&from_search=true	Across Five Aprils 1100 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/across-five-aprils
Where the Red Fern Grows 700 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/where-the-red-fern-grows	Wish 850 (O'Connor) https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/wish	Bud Not Buddy 950 (1990) https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/bud-not-buddy	Out of the Silent Planet 1020 https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25350.Out_of_the_Silent_Planet?from_search=true
The Secret Garden 710 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/secret-garden	Wonder 790 (Palacio) https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/wonder	Roll of Thunder 920 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/roll-of-thunder-hear-my-cry	End of the Spear (Steve Saint) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/638165.End_of_the_Spear?from_search=true
Pax 760 (Pennypacker) https://www.commonsemia.org/book-reviews/pax	Sign of the Beaver 770 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/sign-of-the-beaver	Souder 900 https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/598117.Souder?from_search=true	Bonhoeffer (Metaxas) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7501962-bonhoeffer?ac=1&from_search=true
The Westing Game 750 (Newbery 1978) https://www.commonsemia.org/book-reviews/the-westing-game	Tuck Everlasting 770 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/tuck-everlasting	Amos Fortune, Free Man 1090 https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/254262.Amos_Fortune_Free_Man?ac=1&from_search=true	Born Again (Colson) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/279407.Born_Again?from_search=true
Treasure Island 760 https://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews/treasure-island	Swiss Family Robinson 830 https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/62111.The_Swiss_Family_Robinson?ac=1&from_search=true	Fatal Fever 1010 https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22825553-fatal-fever	Quiet Strength (Tony Dungy) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/935676.Quiet_Strength?ac=1&from_search=true
FROM Christian Unified Junior & Senior High School LIBRARY: Christian Heroes: Then & Now series	FROM Christian Unified Junior & Senior High School LIBRARY: Christian Heroes: Then & Now series	FROM Christian Unified Junior & Senior High School LIBRARY: Any biography	FROM Christian Unified Junior High & High School LIBRARY: Any biography

PLEASE CIRCLE THE BOOK YOUR CHILD WILL READ THIS SUMMER and return this to your child's teacher before the last day of school.

Student Name: _____

Grade entering in the fall _____.

PARENT SIGNATURE