

May 15, 2021

Dear Parents of Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders,

This summer CJHS is once again offering our students a choice for summer reading. Students may choose from a list of seven 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.

You will find your child's Lexile measure on the MAP Assessment results that will be included with the report card mailing.

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.

We will be introducing the summer reading program to our current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders at the east campus and will tell them a little about our favorites.

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, but if your child borrows a book from the public library, they can take notes on each chapter and bring that with them to school. Our own school library might have the book, and if so, you can check it out for the summer.

In His service,

Davis Ransom  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher

Eileen Hollison  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher

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

**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** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**