

May 12, 2022

Dear Parents of Incoming 7th and 8th Graders,

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

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 6th and 7th graders 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 or complete another type of assessment 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.

In His service,

Kristine Tendvahl
7th Grade English Teacher

Dan Lai
8th 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/>

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Student Name: _____

Grade entering in the fall _____.

PARENT SIGNATURE

**CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH
SUMMER READING LIST CHOICES**

700	800	900	1000
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.commonsemedia.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.commonsemedia.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

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