

## CHA Summer Reading List

2015-2016

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades are **required to read one book** from the Summer Reading List and one from the Historical Novels by Louis de Wohl below. An assessment will be given at the beginning of the school year on the two books read. Students should read independently every day.

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#### **Hatchet / Gary Paulsen**

Brian Robeson, a thirteen-year-old boy traveling in a small airplane to Canada to spend the summer with his father, is involved in a plane crash in an uninhabited part of the Canadian woods. Brian then must find a way to survive and in the process, discovers much about himself and becomes a man.

#### **Island of the Blue Dolphins / Scott O'Dell**

In the Pacific, there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea birds abound. Karana is the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Hers is not only an unusual adventure of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.

#### **The Fighting Ground / Avi**

April 3, 1778, Jonathan may be just thirteen, but he knows he's ready to go to the war against the British. He can handle a gun. He yearns to battle for glory, just like his brother and cousin. So when Jonathan hears the tavern bell toll, calling men to fight, he runs to join them. He doesn't realize that in just twenty-four hours, his life will be forever altered— by the war, by his fellow soldiers, and by the terrible choices he must make.

#### **Olive's Ocean / Kevin Henkes**

On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.

#### **The Phantom Tollbooth/ Norton Juster**

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom.

#### **Tuck Everlasting / Natalie Babbitt**

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older

#### **Where the Red Fern Grows / Wilson Rawls**

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

#### **Christian Service:**

#### **77 Creative Ways Kids Can Serve / Sondra Clark**

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*Can kids really make an impact and change the world? Yes! This book gives kids all the ideas and practical information they need to find a project suited to their interest and ability.*

### **Spiritual Summer Reading:**

Students may choose one of the following books as their spiritual summer reading. There will be an in-class assignment related to summer reading within the first week of the new school year. Students will receive credit for their completed in-class assignment. The following books can be found on Amazon.com.

### **Historical Novels by Louis de Wohl**

St. Joan: The Girl Soldier

The Spear

The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas

Set All Afire

The Joyful Beggar: A Novel about St. Francis Assisi

The Living Wood: St. Helen and the Emperor Constantine

[The Last Crusader: A Novel about Don Juan of Austria](#)

[The Restless Flame: A Novel about Saint Augustine](#)

[Citadel of God: A Novel about Saint Benedict](#)

The Golden Thread: A Novel about St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lay Siege to Heaven: A Novel about St. Catherine of Siena

David of Jerusalem: A Novel about King David of the Old Testament

### **Other Novels:**

"To The Heights" author: Brian Kennelly

"Eucharistic Miracles" author: Joan Carroll Cruz

