

Sacred Heart School
Junior High Summer Reading 2026

Incoming Grade 6 and Grade 7

Requirements:

1. "Book Tasting" Challenge! Read at least three books this summer that you have never read before, selecting from different genres. Required genres include:
 - ★ One novel (any fictional genre) at your reading level
 - ★ One nonfiction book at your reading level
 - ★ One biography or memoir at your reading level
2. Fill in the titles and authors of the books you read this summer on the log on the back and have a parent sign it when you're done!
3. Complete the "One Pager" (see attached) for a book of your choice. Be prepared to share your work when we begin school in September!

* Please AVOID the following titles as we will read them throughout junior high as class novel studies: *A Long Walk to Water*; *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*; *A Place to Hang the Moon* (6th); *Walk Two Moons*; *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*; *The Outsiders*; *The Old Man and the Sea*; *Banner in the Sky* (7th); *The Giver*; *To Kill a Mockingbird*; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (8th).

Incoming Grade 8:

1. Required: *The Happiest Man on Earth*, by Eddie Jaku
- AND -
 - ★ One fiction novel of your choice at your reading level that you have not read before
 - ★ One nonfiction book of your choice at your reading level that you have not read before
2. Fill in the titles and authors of the books you read this summer on the log on the back and have a parent sign it when you're done!
3. Complete the "One Pager" (see attached) for a book of your choice. Be prepared to share your work when we begin school in September!

*Please AVOID the following titles as we will read them this year as 8th grade class novel studies: *The Giver*; *To Kill a Mockingbird*; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Summer Reading Book Log

Directions: complete the log below with the information requested.

*8th graders should write *The Happiest Man on Earth* for the "Biography / Memoir" category.

Title and author	Date finished	Parent Signature
Fiction:		
Nonfiction:		
Biography / Memoir:		
List any other books you read this summer below!		
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One Pager Project

A one-pager is a collage of illustrations and writing on one page that make up a visually pleasing and detailed interpretation of a book you have read. See an example on the back.

Directions: share your unique understanding of the book you have chosen for this one-pager by imaginatively blending your written ideas with colorful images from the story. Include all the required elements below on your one-pager.

Required components to include on your one-pager:

- ☐ The book title and author
- ☐ Two or more important quotations from the text
- ☐ Four or more illustrations/images/designs that are related to the text
- ☐ The theme of the book and two-three sentences explaining the theme using evidence from the text that proves the theme
- ☐ Two or three key words that contribute to the main idea of the story
- ☐ Choose TWO of the following literary elements to incorporate into your project: *point of view, foreshadowing, symbol, conflict, flashback, mood, tone, irony, characterization*. Write one or two sentences explaining how the literary elements you chose are part of / show up in the story.
- ☐ You must fill the entire page
- ☐ The entire page must be colored

Rubric

Overall appearance	Your page is detailed and neat. Images are clear and text is easy to read. The overall appearance is creative and visually pleasing.
Information	Your references from the text are accurate and insightful. You include all the components required in the directions.
Analysis/Explanation	You show you understand what you read through your explanation and use of examples from the text.
Quotations	The quotations you chose are both meaningful and accurate. They depict important ideas from the story.
Graphics	You chose illustrations that highlight important parts of the story. The images/designs are neat, colored, and are incorporated into the one-pager.

CHOOSE KIND. It's not just words... it's a way of life.



Augie's helmet represents how he sometimes feels he has to hide from the world.

Important Quotations

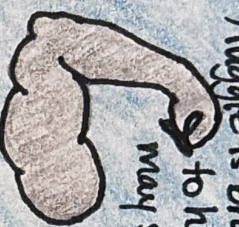
"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."

"You can't blend in when you were born to stand out!"

Key Words

- Courage
- Kindness
- Acceptance

People should treat others with respect and compassion



Augie is brave and determined to be true to himself, no matter how others may see him.

Wonder

R.J. Palacio

Theme: Kindness and acceptance

can change lives.

Throughout the novel, Augie faces challenges because of his physical differences, but many characters learn that a person's CHARACTER matters more than appearance. Augie's friends' ultimate kindness positively impacts others + creates meaningful friendships.

Daisy is always there for Augie. She is loyal, loving, and a great listener.



Point of View This story is told from Augie's, Via's, Jack Will's, and Summer's viewpoints. This helps readers understand how events affect characters differently.

CHARACTERIZATION

The author develops Augie's character through his actions, thoughts, and feelings. He shows courage as he navigates middle school facing bullying and judgment. He stays true to himself and does not let others define him.

Augie loves space. It inspires him to keep reaching for the stars and to never give up on his dreams.



"Everyone deserves a standing ovation at least once in their lives." - Mr. Browne

