

For students enrolled by 6/1/18 – all work is due by the first day of school.

For students enrolled after 6/1/18 – all work is due by September 30th.

Welcome to middle school and our required summer reading program. Our program has changed, so please read carefully.

1. Choose **two books** from the selected list. (see reverse) Do not choose a book previously read.
2. Each book has a different type of writing assignment. Assignments can be done in pen or typed.
 - a. One book you choose requires a chapter journal log. Please use pen not pencil. Each chapter needs summarized with a minimum of **3 complete sentences**. (see sample below)
 - b. One book requires a **150-250 word essay** summarizing the story. Please use **pen** and **double space**. In the essay discuss the setting, the main characters, the problems faced, and review the action. Include in your essay your favorite part of the story and if you liked/did not like the story. Please include a word count.
3. Each writing assignment is a separate Test Grade, for a total of two test grades. Following directions, neatness, spelling, and punctuation will be considered when grading the assignments.
4. All journal logs and essays are **due by English class on the first day of school.**
5. **Extra credit** of ten points per writing assignment will be given for all logs, essays turned into the office over the summer **by Tuesday, 7/10/18.**
6. Essays and logs may be brought to school the first day of school, dropped off at the school over the summer, or if computer prepared, emailed to my address (lgunger@faleesburg.com), I will print all emailed documents. Please send all emailed documents as an attachment as a Word document or a PDF. Please do not share as a Google Document. If I cannot open it, I cannot grade it.
7. Do not watch the movie and try and do this without reading the book, I will be able to tell!

Sample journal log

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

By: Jules Verne

Chapter #	Chapter Title (if any)	Chapter Recap
1	“A Shifting Reef”	In this chapter, I was introduced to the main character and setting of the book. Eerie events, monster sightings, and rumors are spreading about frightening events at sea. Some ships have even disappeared.
2	“Pro and Con”	The main character is about to sail to France. The U.S. government decides a group of scientists must investigate what is happening in the ocean. Our main character, is asked by the U.S. Navy to join the expedition.
3	“CONTINUE UNTIL ALL CHAPTERS IN YOUR BOOK HAVE BEEN RECAPPED”	

Book Choices - All books are grade level 5+ and higher. Please read up on the books below and choose ones that are of the most interest. The unabridged version by the original author is required where noted.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle (a choice for 6th grade readers only)
Children make a dangerous journey to a distant planet in search of their missing father.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Unabridged) by Mark Twain
Huck Finn is a young man who runs away with an escaped slave Jim. The book follows their adventures down the Mississippi River (parents cautioned: there is some profanity and racial language)

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot (can be followed up by his two other books *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *All Things Wise and Wonderful*) – (recommended for older readers)
Delve into the magical, unforgettable world of James Herriot, the world's most beloved veterinarian, and his menagerie of heartwarming, funny, and tragic animal patients. (mild language)

Anne Frank – the Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
This is a non-fiction story of Jewish, teen-ager Anne Frank who documents her and her family's life while in hiding from the Nazis. (violence and family issues, mild language)

Born Free by Joy Adamson
Joy Adamson describes the remarkable relationship she and her husband had with Elsa, a lion cub they cared for during the late 1950s in Kenya, and Elsa's return to the wild as a lioness.

Charlotte's Web (Unabridged) by E.B. White
Wilbur the pig becomes friends with a barn spider, Charlotte. Wilbur is in danger and Charlotte tries to come to his rescue!

Cheaper by the Dozen (Unabridged) by Frank B. Gilbreth
What do you get when you put twelve lively kids together with a father -- a famous efficiency expert -- who believes families can run like factories, and a mother who is his partner in everything except discipline? You get a hilarious tale of growing up. (mild language)

The Giver by Lois Lowery
This story centers on Jonas, who lives in what appears to be an ideal, colorless, world of conformity and contentment. When given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory, he begins to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

God's Smuggler by Brother Andrews
As a boy, Brother Andrew dreamed of being an undercover spy working behind enemy lines. As a man he found himself working undercover for God. His was a mission filled with danger, financed by faith, supported by miracles.

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck (challenging reading level)
Through famine, drought, and revolution, Wang Lung, a peasant in China in the 1920s, becomes a prosperous landowner with the help of his humble wife, O'lan, with whom he shares a devotion to duty, land, and survival.

Heidi (Unabridged) by Johanna Spyri
Heidi, an orphan, builds a strong bond with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. When she is sent into town to attend school and be a friend to a wealthy man's invalid daughter, Heidi becomes homesick for her Grandfather and home in the mountains.

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps.

The Jungle Book (Unabridged) by Rudyard Kipling
This is the story of Mowgli's adventures as an orphan boy raised by wolves in the jungle.

Left Behind (Adult version) by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins.
Follow a group of survivors of the rapture who become born again Christians and face the struggle of being a Christian in the end times. (Can be followed up by other books in the series – please read in order)

***Little Women (Unabridged)* by Louisa May Alcott**

The four March sisters grow and up in the Northeast as their father is off fighting in the war. The story is based on Louisa May Alcott's life.

***The Red Badge of Courage* by Steven Crane**

A young soldier is caught up in the Civil War and comes of age in character while experiencing the horrors of war.

***The Secret Garden (Unabridged)* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

Mary moves to a huge estate to live with her mysterious uncle, his ailing son, the servants, and a secret garden.

***Silas Marner* by George Elliot**

A bitter and lonely old man has his gold stolen and an orphan child left in his care. What happens to the child? Who stole the gold? It is a great story of guilt, innocence, poor decisions and love of family.

***Souder* by William H. Armstrong**

A young African American boy experiences racism as he grows up in the South in the 19th century. (racism and language of the time is used)

***Through Gates of Splendor* by Elizabeth Eliot**

The inspirational true story of Elizabeth Eliot's husband and four other missionaries who were killed by a tribe of Indians while serving on the mission field.

***Tom Sawyer (Unabridged)* by Mark Twain**

Tom lives with his Aunt Polly, has adventures with his half-brother, falls in love with Becky Thatcher and has adventures with Huckleberry Finn (parents cautioned: there is some profanity and racial language)

***Treasure Island (Unabridged)* by Robert Louis Stevenson**

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune and great danger.

***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Unabridged)* by Jules Verne**

A French professor, the crew and a slightly crazy Captain Nemo explore the mysteries of the oceans as they travel the seas in "The Nautilus".

***War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells**

They came from outer space--Mars, to be exact with deadly heat-rays and giant fighting machine they want to conquer Earth and keep humans as their slaves. Nothing seems to stop them as they spread terror and death across the planet. It is the start of the most important war in Earth's history.

***Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (a choice for 6th grade readers only)**

A wonderful coming-of-age story that revolves around a young, country boy and his two hunting dogs

***White Fang* by Jack London**

Buck is the pampered offspring of a St. Bernard and a shepherd dog. When men find gold in the Yukon Buck's comfortable life in the sun-kissed Santa Clara Valley comes to an end. Kidnapped and dragged away to be a sled dog in the harsh and freezing North, Buck must fight for survival.

***The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Unabridged)* by Frank Baum**

Lifted from Kansas to the magical Land of Oz, Dorothy Gale meets a Scarecrow, a Tin Woodman, and a Cowardly Lion, all of whom set off to find the Wizard and defeat the Wicked Witch of the West.

***The Yearling* by Marjorie Rawlings**

Young Jody adopts an orphaned fawn he calls Flag and makes it a part of his family and his best friend. But life in the Florida backwoods is harsh. A lovely story of a child and their pet.

6th Graders may also choose any of the Chronicle of Narnia books by C.S. Lewis (should be read in order)

1. The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe;
2. Prince Caspian,
3. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader;

4. The Silver Chair;
5. A Horse and His Boy;
6. The Magician's Nephew;
7. The Last Battle

