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## Summer Reading

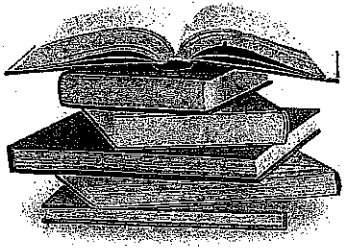
Your child may moan and groan at the idea of required reading during summer time, but that doesn't mean that your child shouldn't be reading. Whether he is entering Kindergarten in the Fall and practicing his reading readiness skills or is moving away from picture books and devouring chapter books, there are always new books to be explored.

It is estimated that school summer breaks will cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction. (Cooper, 1996) This fact validates the importance of students being engaged in academic activities during their summer break.

Victory Christian Academy has initiated a 'Summer Reading Program' for students in Kindergarten through grade eleven. The program is age appropriate and a requirement of all returning VCA students. Please read the attached carefully as you support your child in his or her completion of their 'summer reading program.'

Thank you

Ric Franklin, Principal



# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

**Barnes & Noble Imagination Destination** – This program begins May 20st and runs through Sept 2rd. Kids can earn a FREE book after they read eights books and log them on the reading sheet. This is for grades K-5.

**Book Adventure** – This is a free program offered by Sylvan Learning. Kids in grades K-8 can search for books, read them offline, come back to quiz on what they've read, and earn prizes.

**Chuck E. Cheese** – Earn 10 FREE tokens each time your child reads for 2 weeks in a row. Complete the form to claim the free tokens. A food purchase is required though.

**Half Price Books** – Kids who read a total of 300 minutes each month can earn \$5 Back to School Bucks with the Feed Your Brain program. This program runs through July and the HPB Bookworm Bucks coupons are valid through August 27.

**PBS Kids Summer Reading Camp** – PBS teaming up with Education.com to offer a Summer Reading Camp. They have everything you need to host 10 fun weeks of reading camp. There is a new theme each week with topics like bugs, heroes, music, animals and more!

**Pizza Hut Book It! Program** – This program has free reading adventure packs for parents to download, read and do activities. There are also recipes for children that tie back to certain books.

**Pottery Barn Kids** - They offer free story time for kids on Tuesdays at 11am. After kids attend 5 story times, they get a free gift. Kids receive a free book after they finish reading all the books on the list.

**Public Libraries** – Check your local library for more free reading programs with activities and incentives for kids of all ages. Most libraries also have story times and other reading themed activities.

**Scholastic Summer Challenge** – Children can log in their reading minutes and earn rewards. This program runs through Sept 5.

**TD Bank:** Read 10 books this summer and log then on the free summer reading log. Take the completed form in to your nearest TD Bank and get \$10 deposited into your new or existing young savers account.



**WE are TEACHERS**

**Victory Christian Academy Summer Reading Program**  
**2017**

Choose two of the following novels. Find them in your local library or order them from Amazon. Complete the Summer Reading Program Rubric. It is due the first day you return to school after summer break.

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List (Summer 2017)**

Lord of the Flies by William Golding  
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros  
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak  
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd  
Our Town by Thornton Wilder  
The Skin of Our Teeth by Thornton Wilder

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List (Summer 2017)**

Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou  
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane  
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway  
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair  
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe  
The Piano Lesson by August Wilson  
A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams  
Native Son by Richard Wright

## Summer Reading Program

### VCA High School Students

Below are guidelines for high school students to follow once they have completed the reading of their two books; a selection from their summer reading program.

Students will be required to carefully read two books and complete the guidelines below. Credit will be given in English as a project grade (40%). These reports are due the first day of school, 2017.

#### Guidelines

##### 1. Page One – Title Page

- Name of book
- Author of book
- Your name
- Date

##### 2. Page Two

One – two page, typed/double-spaced summary of the plot.

##### 3. Remaining pages

- Type of book (fiction or nonfiction)
- Setting(s) where most of the story takes place and year it takes place
- Is it told in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> person
- Who is the protagonist; if more than one name them
- Who is the antagonist; if more than one name them
- List of characters central to the plot
- Did you like the book? Why or why not? Be specific NOT general.
- Would you recommend this book? Be specific. Example: I would recommend this book to . . . . because . . . . . I don't think people who . . . . . would enjoy this book.

Point of View	Singular	Plural
First Person	I, Me	We, Us
Second Person	You	You
Third Person	He, She, It	They, Them

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Detach and return with your two reports.

By signing below I affirm that I did read, from cover to cover, the two books that I am reporting on.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature of Affirmation \_\_\_\_\_