

ST. MARY - ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRADE 8

Students entering Grade 8 in the fall of ²⁰¹¹2009 are to choose two (2) books to read over the summer vacation. After reading the books they need to complete a Book-Talk exercise. Each student has been given two forms to complete. They will also be available on the SMSJ website. These exercises will be due at the end of the first week of school. The exercises will be corrected and grades will be entered in Literature for the first marking period.

Please choose any two of the following books to read. (no substitutions allowed)

Steal Away	by	Jennifer Armstrong
Danger Zone	by	David Klass
Dog Friday	by	Hilary McKay
Shadow of the Red Moon	by	Walter Dean Myers
Jacob Have I Loved	by	Katherine Paterson
The Van Gogh Café	by	Cynthia Rylant
Flight #116 is Down	by	Caroline Cooney
The Last of the Mohicans	by	James Fenimore Cooper
A Night to Remember	by	Walter Lord
Crash	by	Jerry Spinelli

Have a great summer! Happy Reading!! Mrs. Messier

NAME _____

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
BOOK TALK - 8TH GRADE

1. Book Title: _____

2. Author: _____

3. Published by: _____ Copyright: _____

4. List the main characters of the book.

5. Describe the setting of the book.

6. In five sentences or less, summarize what the book is about.

7. What is the theme, or main idea, that the author is trying to get across?

8. Answer the following question on the back of this paper.

How does the setting impact the plot/theme/characters in the novel?

9. Would you encourage your friends to read this book? Tell why or why not.

