

Chaminade's Summer Reading and Core Novels



Chaminade's summer reading selections are chosen to reflect the Characteristic of Marianist Education that will be highlighted during the upcoming school year. This year, the focus will be on service, justice, and peace; the books will be a touchstone for discussion throughout the curriculum. In grades 6-8, teachers may give assignments based on the novels once the school year begins. Students in the 7th and 8th grade will be tested during the first week of school to assess comprehension of the summer reading.

6th Grade Summer Reading

- ***Wonder* by R. J. Palacio**

7th Grade Summer Reading

- ***A Night Divided* Jennifer A. Nielsen**

8th Grade Summer Reading

- ***Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson**



Core novels are read in Literature (6th grade) and English (7th & 8th grade) classes as part of the curriculum during the first and second semesters. They provide a way for students to more deeply explore literary devices and engage in the discussion of relevant themes.

6th Grade Core Novels

- ***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi will be read first semester.**
- ***The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson Bk. 1)* by Rick Riordan will be read second semester.**

7th Grade Core Novels

- ***The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton will be read first semester.**
- ***Night* by Elie Wiesel will be read second semester.**

8th Grade Core Novels

- ***Self-selected novel***—Students will read a novel of their choice during the first semester. Information will be given to the 8th graders about the expectations for this assignment.
- ***Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury will be read second semester.**

All books are available for purchase through the library. Please see the CTW on the Middle School Homepage for more information. The books will also be available at Family Fun Night, on Friday, May 12.