

**BCS 7th and 8th Grade
Required Summer Reading Assignment**

Students are required to choose one of four books from their grade's reading list and read the book in its entirety. After the student has read the book, they are to choose and complete one of the attached project choices to show comprehension of the book they read. All students will present their project to the class on the second day of school, August 19, 2010. A grading rubric is attached for your convenience.

Arrangements have been made for all of the books below to be ordered by Hastings. It is our hope that these books will be available for you to purchase at your convenience.

7th Grade

The Wind in the Willows by Grahame

ISBN# - 978-0-141-32113-4

Hastings# - 014132113x (Price \$4.99)

Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson

ISBN# - 0-06-440368-8

Little Women by Alcott

ISBN# - 978-0-14-240876-6

Hastings# - 014240876x (Price \$8.99)

Little Men by Alcott

ISBN# - 0-14-0367-13-6

Hastings# - 0140367136 (Price \$4.99)

8th Grade

The Hobbit by Tolkien

ISBN# - 978-0-345-33968-3

Hastings# - 0345339681 (Price \$7.99)

Holes by Louis Sachar

ISBN# - 978-0-440-22859-2

Hastings# - 044022859x (Price \$6.50)

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Speare

ISBN# - 978-0-440-49596-3

Hastings# - 0440495962 (Price \$6.60)

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

ISBN# - 978-0-380-72885-5

Hastings# - 0380728850 (Price \$6.99)

Book in a Bag or Box (Choice #2)

After choosing and reading your book, you will select a book report container. The container could be a large manila envelope, a coffee can, an oatmeal box, a shoe box or anything else that might be appropriate for a book. Decorate your container to convey some of the major details, elements, or themes found in the books.

The contents of your container should include the following:

1. **Questions** Write ten questions based on the book and include the answers. Good questions may include setting, characters, conflicts, climax, or resolution.
2. **Vocabulary** Create a glossary with ten unfamiliar words from the book and their definitions.
3. **Things** Include five things that have a connection to the story. Be prepared to explain the connection each thing has to your novel.

Be prepared to give a presentation of your project. You will need to explain your container choice and the contents of your container. Be neat! Be creative! You may handwrite or type information and you may draw or use computer graphics for illustrations on the container.

Video Presentation (Choice #3)

After choosing and reading your book, you will choose a scene from the novel to use in a video presentation. The video **must be 3-5 minutes** in length to receive full credit. No more than 2 other classmates may be in the video with you. Other people (that are not in your class) may be in the video, and YOU must be in the video. Be creative! Include props, relevant location, costumes, good sound quality, etc. This project is to be taken seriously. Be prepared to explain the relevance of the scene during your video presentation.

**BCS 7th-12th Summer Reading Project
Grading Rubric**

Student _____

Quiz Grade _____

Points Earned	Points Possible
_____	50 pts- Student has clearly read book and is able to discuss plot, characters, etc.
_____	25 pts- Project (follows guidelines, meets requirements)
_____	15 pts- Presentation (informs audience, well prepared)
_____	10 pts- Signatures (signature sheet is present with student & parent signatures)

Required Parent Signature:

By signing below, I verify that my student has read all of the summer reading assignments and completed the required project(s). I also understand that 10 points of their grade comes from my signature.

Parent Signature