**St. Mary’s School Sixth Grade Summer Reading List 2012**

Welcome to Sixth Grade! Please follow these instructions for your summer reading.

You must read three books, two fiction books and one non-fiction.

For the non-fiction book, you must complete the following Book Report:

Non-Fiction Book Report

Choose a non-fiction book to read. When you finish it you must do the following activities and questions in a report with a title page and three pages following it. When you are done, place the pages in the correct order in a presentation folder. Note: Typing on the computer works best (except for possibly the title page,) but neat and legible hand written work will be accepted too.

Title Page: On this single page should be the title of the book, the name of the author, and a drawing of some kind that represents an important moment or scene in the book. Do not use what is already on the cover of the book. Imagine that you are making an alternate cover to replace the one that the author used. Put your name in small pencil writing in the lower right-hand corner.

Page 1: On this page you will do the following:

List at least fifteen new words (proper nouns are OK) that you encountered in this book and give a clear definition of each. Then use each word in an interesting context sentence that *shows that you know how to use the word properly in writing*.

Page 2: Here you must list twenty real, factual things you learned from this book.

Whenever possible, try and relate the things you learn to either:

a) you and your feelings. or

b) the feelings of the author.

Each fact must be written in a complete sentence.

Page 3: Answer these three questions to conclude your report:

1) Do you think the book did a good job of teaching you about the topic? Why or why not?

2) How would you have changed the way the book was written or anything else about its style or appearance if you were the author?

3) Did the book hold your interest or were you disappointed? Was it a pleasure or a challenge to read? Why or why not? Explain your answers fully please.

**FICTION** – Choose **Two** of these titles to read:

**Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Dragonwings** by Lawrence Yep

**A Week in the Woods** by Andrew Clements

**Behind the Bedroom Wall** by Laura E. Williams

**A Long Way from Chicago** by Richard Peck

**Under the Blood Red Sun** by Graham Salisbury

**Cousins** by Virginia Hamilton

**Star Girl** by Jerry Spinelli

**Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry** by Mildred D. Taylor

**Running Out of Time** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**The Duplicate** by William Sleator

**The Thief Lord** by Cornelia Funke

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**NON-FICTION:** Choose **one** of these titles to read

**Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini** c.2006 by Fleischman

**Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott** c.2006 by Friedman

**Hana’s Suitcase: A True Story** c. 2002 by Levine

**The Manatee Scientist: Saving Vulnerable Species** c. 2011 by Lourie

**A Night to Remember** by Walter Lord c.2004

**Karen** by Marie Killilea c.1993

**The Acorn People** by Ron Jones c.1996

**Travels with Charley: In Search of America** by John Steinbeck c.1980