

Our Lady of Good Counsel School
8th Grade Summer Reading List 2021

Required Reading for all rising 8th Graders (must be read):		
Title	Author	Lexile
<i>The Brothers Grimm: Fairy Tales</i> (ISBN-13: 978-1490936086)	<i>Jacob Grimm & Wilhelm Grimm</i>	800 – 999

Additional Suggested Reading Ideas for 7th and 8th Graders (must read 2 additional books; these are suggestions):		
Title	Author	Lexile
<i>Things Not Seen</i>	Andrew Clements	800 – 999
<i>PEAK</i>	Roland Smith	800 – 999
<i>The Giver</i>	Lois Lowry	800 – 999
<i>Night of the Howling Dogs</i>	Graham Salisbury	800 – 999
<i>The Westing Game</i>	Ellen Raskin	800 – 999
<i>Stealing Freedom</i>	Elisa Carbone	800 – 999
<i>The Black Stallion</i>	Walter Farley	800 – 999
<i>Chasing Lincoln’s Killer</i>	James L. Swanson	1000-1200
<i>The Beekeeper’s Apprentice</i>	Laurie King	1000-1200
<i>Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different</i>	Karen Blumenthal	1000-1200
<i>Washington at Valley Forge</i>	Russell Freedman	1200+
<i>His Majesty’s Dragon</i>	Maomi Novik	1200+
<i>The Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coelho	1200+
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J. R. R. Tolkien:	1200+

Information about Summer Reading Assignments:

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“The Brothers Grimm: Fairy Tales” is a required reading. Please note that a short reading comprehension quiz on this book will be given on the first day of school. Students are required to have a copy of “The Brothers Grimm” to use in class starting on the second day of school. Students will be expected to complete in-class assignments on the novel during the first week.

Suggested: Read 2 additional books for a total of 3 books read during the summer. The above list has some suggested books you may choose from. Students are encouraged to pursue their own interests in their summer reading. When selecting a second book, please keep in mind that it is grade-level appropriate in terms of content and challenge, and also supports the faith and belief of Catholic values. Other resources for book suggestions are: www.readkiddoread.com, www.goodreads.com, the local librarian, or a favorite bookstore. Parents may also opt to use their student’s Scantron data (more specifically, the Lexile score on the student’s reading test) from the 2019/2020 school year to select a book that is appropriately challenging for the student. Parents and students may search for books by Lexile score at www.lexile.com. For the choice reading, students should choose a book that is the original work (no illustrated classics or abridged versions) and one that they have not previously read.

Note that with the choice reading assignment, parents are ultimately responsible for approval of the content of the book selected by the student. Thank you!