

Junior High Summer Reading Book Clubs - 2022

Dear Students,

Here is the summer reading book club list! The Junior High teachers are excited about the choices we are offering you. Please look at the list over the next several days and choose a book club to be a part of in the fall. Over the summer you will read the book. When you return, be prepared to take a brief reading check over the book and discuss it with your book club. The reading check will be the first grade for your English class.

Here are a few things to remember:

- **You may not choose a book you have read before.**
- A teacher other than the one listed below may be leading your book club.
- Current 7th graders will sign up for a book during homeroom on Thursday, March 24.
- Current 6th graders will sign up Thursday, April 7, through Thursday, April 14. Families will receive an email with instructions that week.

If you or your parents have any questions, please feel free to email me at hford@bcsk12.org.

Blessings,
Mrs. Ford

Christian Living for Teens

Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life's Biggest Questions by Timothy J. Keller

What is my purpose in life? What is a good life? Why is there so much wrong with our world? What can I do to help make it right? These are some of the big questions that everyone must answer. And any lasting change in our lives will start with a change to one or more of our answers to these questions. Jesus changed the life of every person he met in the Gospels, through powerful experiences and words that led them to unexpected and transforming answers to their big questions. These conversations can still address our questions and doubts today. *Encounters with Jesus* focuses on several of these meetings — including with a skeptical student, a religious insider, an outcast, even Jesus' mother — and shows how the central events in Jesus' life provide ways for us to encounter him again or for the first time.

Mr. Reese

Inspirational

Liked: Whose Approval Are You Living For? by Kari Kampakis

For many girls it starts early. The desire to be *perfect*. The need for *approval*. The longing for *acceptance* and being *liked* by a lot of people. Thanks to social media, these desires now get channeled online. Girls can curate an image, build a following, and test-drive identities until they find one that draws attention and applause. But in this quest to be liked and noticed, girls often fail to feel loved and known. The result is a generation of girls who hunger for real and authentic relationships - yet are unclear on how to create them. From popular blogger and bestselling author Kari Kampakis comes a powerful book for girls in the digital age. Designed to empower teens and tweens through the Christian faith, it's packed with godly wisdom and practical advice related to identity, friendships, social media, and a relationship with God.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Biography

Daring to Hope by Katie Davis Majors

When Katie Davis Majors moved to Uganda, accidentally founded a booming organization, and later became the mother of thirteen girls through the miracle of adoption, she determined to weave her life together with the people she desired to serve. But joy often gave way to sorrow as she invested her heart fully in walking alongside people in the grip of poverty, addiction, desperation, and disease. After unexpected tragedy shook her family, for the first time Katie began to wonder, *Is God really good? Does He really love us?* When she turned to Him with her questions, God spoke truth to her heart and drew her even deeper into relationship with Him.

Mrs. Duffee

Realistic Fiction

As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds

When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires—literally. Genie’s summer is full of surprises. The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia—in the COUNTRY! The second surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind. Genie thinks Grandpop must be the bravest guy he’s ever known, but he starts to notice that his grandfather never leaves the house—as in NEVER. And when he finds the secret room that Grandpop is always disappearing into—a room so full of songbirds and plants that it’s almost as if it’s been pulled inside-out—he begins to wonder if his grandfather is really so brave after all. Then Ernie lets him down in the bravery department. It’s his fourteenth birthday, and, Grandpop says to become a man, you have to learn how to shoot a gun. Genie thinks that is AWESOME until he realizes Ernie has no interest in learning how to shoot. None. Nada. Dumbfounded by Ernie’s reluctance, Genie is left to wonder—is bravery and becoming a man only about proving something, or is it just as important to own up to what you won’t do?

Mrs. Pollard

Summer Promise by Robin Jones Gunn

As 14-year old Christy leaves her family's Wisconsin farm to spend the summer at her wealthy aunt and uncle's beach home in Newport, she realizes this could be the best season of her life. Through it all, will Christy keep her promise to her parents not to do anything she'll regret?

Ms. Shoop

Historical Fiction

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A loving threesome, they ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn. Little Ann had the brains, and Billy had the will to make them into the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too.

Where the Red Fern Grows is an exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget.

Mrs. Lindley

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis - science fiction

In the first novel of C.S. Lewis's classic science fiction trilogy, Dr. Ransom, a Cambridge academic, is abducted and taken on a spaceship to the red planet of Malacandra, which he knows

as Mars. His captors are plotting to plunder the planet's treasures and plan to offer Ransom as a sacrifice to the creatures who live there. Ransom discovers he has come from the 'silent planet' – Earth – whose tragic story is known throughout the universe...

Mrs. Frees

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan—fantasy

Always trouble-prone, the life of teenager Percy Jackson gets a lot more complicated when he learns he's the son of the Greek god Poseidon. At a training ground for the children of deities, Percy learns to harness his divine powers and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime: he must prevent a feud among the Olympians from erupting into a devastating war on Earth, and rescue his mother from the clutches of Hades, god of the underworld.

Mrs. Ely

The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien—fantasy

Frodo and three hobbit friends set off into the dangerous world in order to take his mysterious ring somewhere safe, but the ring wraiths sent by Sauron are out to capture it.

Mr. Hollon

Non-Fiction

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by Swanson, James L.

Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.

Mrs. Glasgow

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