

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summer Reading Assignment

To better prepare our students academically, Strong Rock Christian School incorporates a summer reading program to encourage reading and enhance language arts skills. Students will read the assigned book for their grade level. After reading the selected book, students will complete book cards. These cards will be due the first week of school in August. This information will be posted on our school website this summer. If you enroll after July 1st, your book cards will be due August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Rising 6th Grade Title:

*The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis

Digory and Polly discover a secret passage that links their homes, and they are taken into the World of Charn, where they wake up the evil Queen Jadis. There, they witness the creation of the Land of Narnia as it is sung into being by the Great Lion, Aslan. When Digory and Polly attempt to send the wicked witch, Jadis, back to her own world, the magic gets mixed up and they all land in Narnia, where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech.

*The Magician's Nephew* is a prequel to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, but was the sixth book written by C.S. Lewis in the Chronicles of Narnia series. It is considered to be the first in the series by those wishing to read the books in chronological rather than publishing order. ~Scholastic.com

### Rising Sixth Grade Assignment

Read **the assigned book** and complete book cards. This activity will count as a quiz grade in your sixth-grade language arts class. If you have questions, please email [rkonas@strong-rock.com](mailto:rkonas@strong-rock.com).

#### Book Card Requirements:

- \_\_\_ These index cards need to be the **large (5x8 inches) size**.
- \_\_\_ Write OR type on one side of the cards only.
- \_\_\_ Write your name on the back of EACH card.
- \_\_\_ Place a rubber band around the cards to turn them in.

\_\_\_ **#1- Title Card:** Write the title, underline the title, put the author's name, and your name. Draw and color an illustration that represents the book.

\_\_\_ **#2- Setting Card:** Write at least four sentences to describe the settings of your book.

Hint!! The Setting is the time and place of the story. Is it set a long time ago or now? Does it take place in another country or in an imaginary place? How much time passes in the story – a day? a year? A lifetime?

\_\_\_ **#3- Plot Summary Card:** Summarize the main events of the book. Write 8-12 complete sentences.

Hint!! The Plot is what happens. You want to summarize what the story is mostly about. What is the main event or conflict? What things lead up to it? What happens as a result? How does the story end?

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\_\_\_ **#4- Character Card:** List the major characters by name and write a one or two sentence description of each.

Hint!! The Characters are who the story is about. The main character is called the protagonist. Who are the other important characters? Do they help or hinder the protagonist? Is there an antagonist? Why are they important?

\_\_\_ **#5- Conflict Card:** Explain the main conflict of the book and tell how it is resolved. (1-2 sentences)

Hint!! The Conflict is the problem in the story? There may be one big conflict and several smaller ones- focus on the main one. Think about the types of conflict to help: Person vs. Self, Person vs. Person, Person vs. Society, Person vs. Unknown, Person vs. Nature, Person vs. Machine. Choose one to explain for the conflict in the book.

\_\_\_ **#6- Theme Card:** Explain a theme of this book in 3-4 sentences.

Hint!! The Theme is the main lesson/moral of the story. Some examples might be the importance of friendship or how to be courageous in a difficult situation. Tell what you think the theme is and how you know.

- Give two examples of the theme you chose. How is it demonstrated in the story?

\_\_\_ **#7- Point of View:** Choose the type of point of view from which this story is told and explain how you know: 1<sup>st</sup> person, 2<sup>nd</sup> person, 3<sup>rd</sup> person, etc (1-2 sentences)

\_\_\_ **#8- Book Review Card:** In 5-7 sentences, write your overall opinion and impression of this book. Be sure to give detailed support (reasons why) for your opinion.

Hint!! Some questions you might want to answer are:

- Do you like the story? Why or why not?
- What was the best part of the book? Why?
- How did the story make you feel? Did you feel different things at different points in the story?
- Would you recommend it to friends?
- Would you read other books by this author?
- What new things did you learn from this book?

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