

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

In order 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 select one book from the following list. After reading the 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 1, your book cards will be due August 31.

If you have questions about the summer reading, please email Mrs. Konas at rkonas@strong-rock.com. She will check her email periodically throughout the summer.

Rising 8th Grade Titles

Kisses from Katie by Katie J. Davis

“What would cause an eighteen-year-old high school homecoming queen and senior class president to drop everything and move to Uganda to live with some of the poorest people in the world? Only love, and a desire to follow Jesus wherever He leads, could make a young woman choose this path. And Katie Davis did just that, forgoing a college education, disappointing her parents and boyfriend, to teach and care for children half a world away. In *Kisses from Katie*, Katie Davis shares her journey of radical love that lead her from a short-term missions trip in 2006, to adopting 13 Ugandan girls and starting a ministry that feeds and teaches hundreds of children every day.” - Christianbook

Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt

“In this Newbery Honor-winning novel, Gary D. Schmidt offers an unforgettable antihero. *The Wednesday Wars* is a wonderfully witty and compelling story about a teenage boy’s mishaps and adventures over the course of the 1967–68 school year in Long Island, New York.” – Goodreads

Resistance by Jennifer Nielsen

“Chaya Lindner is a teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Simply being Jewish places her in danger of being killed or sent to the camps. After her little sister is taken away, her younger brother disappears, and her parents all but give up hope, Chaya is determined to make a difference. Using forged papers....” - Goodreads

*Strong Rock Christian School does not necessarily endorse all the content of these books or any book in the Strong Rock Christian School Library/Media Center. It is understood that to meet academic standards and to provide books of various fields of research and contents, Strong Rock Christian School must of necessity have many books of different types. The position of Strong Rock Christian School is well understood to be in strict adherence to the doctrines and principles taught in the Holy Scriptures.

Rising Eighth Grade Requirements

Choose one of the titles listed above that you have not read previously and complete the book cards. This activity will count as a quiz grade in your language arts class.

Book Card Requirements: These index cards need to be the large (5x8 inches) size. You may combine the following elements, but please write only on one side of the cards. All cards **must be in COMPLETE SENTENCES** and handwritten.

1. Title Card: Write the title, underline the title, put the author's name, and your name. Draw an illustration that represents the book.
2. Setting Card: Write at least four sentences to describe the settings of your book.
3. Plot Summary Card: Summarize the main events of the book. Write at least 12 complete sentences.
4. Character Card: List the major characters by name and write a one or two sentence description of each.
5. Conflict Card: List the main conflict of the book. (1-2 sentences)
6. Theme Card: Explain a theme of this book in 3-4 sentences.
7. Point of View: Tell the point of view from which this story is told. (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 for your opinion.

****When students return to school in August, more activities and assessments will be assigned in class.****