



Summer Reading Parent Authorization Form

English 6

The TKA faculty and administration firmly believe that reading is an integral part of an educational institution. On a daily basis, reading is promoted and assigned to expose the student to various styles of authors as we endeavor to promote a well-rounded student. Outside the classroom, we also would like to encourage and develop a love of reading by allowing the student more flexible choices as they engage in the reading culture.

We believe that summer reading:

- Develops habits and skills that may increase an active imagination, a sustained attention span and the capacity for logical analysis and critical thinking.
- Stimulates the brain in more complex ways than images on television, videos or social media.
- Strengthens vocabulary and ultimately strengthens writing capabilities.
- Generates interest and pleasure in reading which will enrich their literary experience.
- Strengthens the bond between parent and child with meaningful conversations that may ensue.

We encourage students to develop a *love of reading* by allowing the student more flexible choices as they engage in the reading culture. Your child has chosen to take a regular English class this year so we would like them to choose their own book for summer reading. We do ask that the student reads a book that they have never read before. The book choice must have at least one hundred pages and be appropriate to present on in class following summer break. Please have parent sign the back of this form and take to your teacher on arrival back to school.

Possible book choices for English 6 include:

- *Word on Fire* by Jennifer Nielsen
- *The Black Pearl* by Scott O'Dell
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- *Strawberry Girl* by Lois Lenski
- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- *Twenty and Ten* by Claire Bishop
- *Understood Betsy* by Dorothy C. Fisher
- *My Friend Flicka* by Mary O' Hara
- *The Land of Stories* Series by Chris Colfer
- *Chronicles of Narnia* Series by C.S. Lewis
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* Series by Trenton Lee Stewart
- Any historical fiction novel from Alan Gratz or Jennifer Nielsen

My son/daughter and I have discussed his/her reading choice this summer. In seeking to the parameters as set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook, we agree that the reading choice is free from negative themes that would be offensive to the Christian values supported by The King's Academy. Specifically, my son/daughter's summer reading choice steers clear of themes of sexual misconduct, violence, and inappropriate use of language.

Book Title _____ Book Author _____

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Student Name _____ *Please Print*