

Summer Reading 2023-2024

7th Grade

Required Reading:

- *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

“Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free.

Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia. But soon Edmund, then Peter and Susan step through the wardrobe themselves. In Narnia they find a country buried under the evil enchantment of the White Witch. When they meet the Lion Aslan, they realize they've been called to a great adventure and bravely join the battle to free Narnia from the Witch's sinister spell.” (Goodreads.com)

Required Reading Assignment:

While reading students should keep a reading journal. There should be an entry for each chapter of the book which includes the following:

- The chapter and page numbers clearly labeled.
- 5-6 sentences minimum for each entry
- Response should include the reader's thoughts on one of the following: Plot, Setting, Characters, or use of other Literary Elements
- Be prepared to test on the book in the first 2 weeks of school

Choice (select 1 from the following list):*

- *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

“Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius, and above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, *Artemis Fowl* is a riveting, magical adventure.” (Goodreads.com)

- *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg

“When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run from somewhere, she wants to run to somewhere — to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and, preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing her younger brother Jamie has money and thus can help her with a serious

cash-flow problem, she invites him along.

Once settled into the museum, Claudia and Jamie find themselves caught up in the mystery of an angel statue that the museum purchased at auction for a bargain price of \$225. The statue is possibly an early work of the Renaissance master, Michelangelo, and therefore worth millions. Is it? Or isn't it?

Claudia is determined to find out. Her quest leads her to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, the remarkable old woman who sold the statue, and to some equally remarkable discoveries about herself." (Goodreads.com)

● *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

"Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief." (Goodreads.com)