

Central Catholic Department of English 2017 Summer Reading List

Students are encouraged to read print or digital versions of these selections. If students opt for a digital version of the text, it must be available to them through their school-issued laptop or a digital reading device, but **NOT** through their phones. There is a Kindle App for our computers in the App Store.

All books have been selected based on its literary merit, reader interest, and variety of storytelling styles. Please review the book selections and encourage your child to select the most appropriate for him or her.

Students are to have their books read before school begins. When students return to school, each teacher will have an assignment associated with the summer reading selections. **Students should have access to the text in school for use in completing assignments.**

This assignment will be a part of the students' 1st quarter grades.

7th Grade *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate
Dicamillo

8th Grade *Freckles* by Gene Stratton Porter
Novel can be downloaded through Project Gutenberg at
<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/111>
It can also be found in your computer Kiosk and opened in
iBooks. Paper Copies may purchased online as well.



Freshman *Diamond Boy* by Michael Williams

Freshman Honors

Diamond Boy by Michael Williams

AND

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (see Mrs. Clark for a copy)

Sophomore

Select One of the Following

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson**
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card**
The Fault In Our Stars by John Green**



**Parents should be aware that these books deal with mature subjects, though in a way that is rated appropriate for students entering their sophomore year. For more information about the nature of these books, please visit the reviews provided at [Common Sense Media](#).

Sophomore Honors

Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain (see Mrs. Clark for a copy)

AND one of the following

Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick
Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
Starship Troopers by Robert A. Heinlein (some copies available See Mrs.Clark)
Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Junior

Select One of the Following

The Help by Kathryn Stockett
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin
Quiet Strength: the Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Willing Life by Tony Dungy
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams
Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell

Junior Honors - *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton AND a Junior Selection



Senior

Select One of the Following

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

Atonement by Ian McEwan

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes

ACP/AP English

Select at Least Two of the Following

Medea by Euripides

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner

1984 by George Orwell

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

Catch - 22 by Joseph Heller

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

