

St. Michael Summer Reading
Middle School - Grades 7-8

Reading over the summer is shown by research to help you both keep your current reading level and improve to a new higher reading level. Students who don't read, often start September at a lower reading level than when the school year ended in June

For this summer, you must read at least three books - a good idea is to read one in June, one in July, and one in August. You need to read one assigned book, and two of your own choosing. There are great book lists on St. Mike's website. All books from the list are award winners and are guaranteed to make you a better reader.

If you are in 7th grade next year, you need to read *Peter Pan*, and one will be given to you.

If you are in 8th grade next year, you need to read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. You'll need to purchase one or check one out at the library.

You should annotate each book and write a 500 word essay for each book giving a brief summary of the book, and an analysis of a character, the setting, the plot, or the theme. Your essay should begin with a thesis statement, good examples of your evidence, and a well thought out conclusion.

All three essays are due on the first day of school, and are your first graded assignment. You will also be given a comprehension assessment on the assigned text during the first week of school.