

## 2025 Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grader,

Congratulations on finishing your fifth grade year with your fantastic teachers and peers at Holy Redeemer! Your middle school teachers are so excited to welcome you to middle school! Over the summer, we ask that you relax, enjoy some special family time, try something new, and don't forget to read!

Speaking of reading, Mrs. Enkiri and I have been discussing books a lot! We have made a decision on the book that *\*every\** 6<sup>th</sup> grader will be expected to read this summer. The title of the book is The View from Saturday, and it is written by the brilliant E.L. Konigsburg. This book is readily available in bookstores (new and secondhand!).

As a part of your reading of this book, you will be expected to complete a "Sticky Note Summary" for each chapter. Your handwriting must be legible, and please label each note with *\*your name\** and the *\*chapter number\** in case the notes become loose. Please also write your name on the *\*inside cover\** of the book. This book will be turned in for a grade on the first day of school.

You may choose one other book to read from the list below for your enjoyment. I will have a brief, fun quiz on what happened in the book for you to take when you return to school. ☺ That will be your only assignment for the second book. ☺

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Choices:

#### Wishtree, Katherine Applegate

Summary: Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.

#### The Hero Two Doors Down, Sharon Robinson

Summary: Steven Satlow is an eight-year-old boy living in Brooklyn, New York, which means he only cares about one thing - the Dodgers. Steve's love for the baseball team is passed down to him from his father. The two of them spend hours reading the sports pages and listening to games on the radio. Aside from an occasional run-in with his teacher, life is pretty simple for Steve. But then Steve hears a rumor that an African American family is moving to his all-Jewish

neighborhood. It's 1948 and some of his neighbors are against it. Steve knows that this is wrong. His hero, Jackie Robinson, broke the color barrier in baseball the year before. Then it happens - Steve's new neighbor is Jackie Robinson! Steve is beyond excited about living two doors down from the Robinson family. He can't wait to meet Jackie. This is going to be the best baseball season yet! How many kids ever get to become friends with their hero?

### Hatchet, Gary Paulsen

Summary: Hatchet is a survival novel about a thirteen-year-old boy named Brian Robeson who finds himself completely alone in the Canadian wilderness with only a hatchet as his tool.

So, as a recap, you need to read two books this summer; of course read more if possible! Have a wonderful summer and please reach out to me via email if you should have any questions. My email is [k.parker@hrs-ken.org](mailto:k.parker@hrs-ken.org). Please ask permission from a parent to contact me, and cc a parent on the email. I cannot wait to be your teacher for literature!

Sincerely,

Ms. Parker ☺

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