



PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

6th Grade 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty.
It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” *Kate DiCamillo*

Providence Classical Academy seeks to develop good readers and desires for our students to be lifelong readers. Learning to read well requires direction, discipline, and diligence just as if you were training to be a fine musician or amazing athlete. This is why it is so important to encourage and inspire our Knights to read throughout the summer. We hope you will encourage your child to take this challenge and help them by saturating your family with books that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). We have chosen each book on our summer reading lists with the hope that it cultivates a greater love for the written word.

The books on our suggested reading lists may be found in our public libraries, Amazon, or book stores (Barnes and Noble; 2nd and Charles; & Thrifty Peanut). Audio books from Hoopla/Libby are also great options for students to listen to as they are playing this summer. The Reading Lists and Reading Log will also be posted on our school website.

TO EARN A GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE MEDAL, STUDENTS MUST...

- Record the title and number of minutes for each book on the Reading Log.
- Our reading lists are to help you with selections for reading material. Students may log books not on our lists, too.
- Electronic books may be read. Audio books are also permissible, but please note that we **highly encourage** students to follow along with a hard copy of the text. For our emerging readers going into 1st grade, we do allow minutes to be recorded when students are **read to** by an adult.
- Please make sure you **record the number of minutes read** in the **minutes** column. This is what we will calculate minutes from - we have no way to quantify what your child has read if this is left blank.
- Minutes must be logged and initialed by a parent each day on the provided Reading Log form.
- Add up the number of minutes read at the end of the summer.
- Reading Logs **MUST be returned to the teacher at either “Meet the Teacher” or the first day of school.** This will count as the first reading homework grade of the school year. Summer Reading medals will be awarded based on the reading log counts and given at the Summer Reading Awards Assembly at one of our Friday chapels within the first few weeks of school. ****No late Reading Logs will be awarded medals.****
- Incoming 2nd-6th graders **MUST COMPLETE REQUIRED** reading book selection and written assignment as reflected on each grade list. The 6th grade required book is **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park. Copies of this book are available to be checked out this summer at the front desk with Mrs. Mary. The writing assignment is attached in this packet.

Incoming 4th-6th grade medal & grade qualifications:

Gold = 1000 minutes, grade: 100

Silver = 750 minutes, grade: 95

Bronze = 550 minutes, grade: 85

Minimum = 450 minutes, grade: 75

Any minutes BELOW the minimum = grade: 50

No Reading Log = grade: 0

Summer Reading Challenge Book List
Incoming Sixth Grade

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
REQUIRED READING: A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park
A Dog's Life	Ann Martin
A Long Way From Chicago	Richard Peck
A Year Down Yonder	Richard Peck
Abel's Island	William Steig
Adam of the Road	Elizabeth Janet Gray
Banner in the Sky	James Ramsey Ullman
Bark of the Bog Owl	Jonathan Rogers
Baseball in April	Gary Soto
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson
Calico Captive	Elizabeth George Speare
Call It Courage	Armstrong Sperry
Carry A Big Stick	George Grant
Cheaper By The Dozen	Gilbreth and Carey
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Ian Fleming
Counting by Sevens	Holly Goldberg Sloan
Endless Steppe	Hautzig
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan
Fish in A Tree	Lynda Mullaby Hunt
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Gentle Ben	Walt Morey
Green Ember	S.D. Smith

Gifted Hands	Ben Carson
Helen Keller	Stewart Graff
Henry and the Chalk Dragon	Jennifer Trafton
Holes	Louis Sachar
Incredible Journey	Brunford
Indian Captive	Lois Lenski
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai
Iron Thunder	Avi
Journey to Ellis Island	Carol Bierman
Little Men	Louisa May Alcott
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
Lily's Crossing	Patricia Reilly Giff
Listening For Lions	Gloria Whelan
Loser	Jerry Spinelli
Maida's Little Shop	Inez Haynes Irwin
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
Maze Runner	James Dashner
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C. O'Brien
My Friend Flicka	Mary O'Hara
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George
Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill	Stephen Mansfield
No Promises in the Wind	Irene Hunt
Nothing to Fear	Jackie French Koller
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Once on This Island	Gloria Whelan
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia

Orphan Train Rider	Andrea Warren
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse
Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper
Peter Pan	James Barrie
Redwall	Brian Jacques
Refugee	Allan Gratz
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor

Sarah Bishop	Scott O'Dell
Search for Delicious	Natalie Babbitt
Second Mrs. Giaconda	E.L. Konigsburg
Seven Miracles That Saved America	Chris Stewart
Souder	William H. Armstrong
Spy School	Stuart Gibbs
Summer of the Monkeys	Wilson Rawls
Sweet Home Alaska	Carole Daggs
The Benefits of Being an Octopus	A.Braden
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak
The Children of Noisy Village	Astrid Lindgren
The Green Ember	S.D. Smith
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
The Light in the Forest	Conrad Richter
The Princess Bride	William Goldman
The Scripture Sleuth	Mat Halverson
The Silver Pencil	Alice Dalgliesh
The Silver Sword	Ian Senaillie
The Story of the Trapp Family Singers	Maria Augusta Trapp

Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
The War Horse	Michael Morpurgo
Up A Road Slowly	Irene Hunt
Watership Down	Richards Adam
White Fang	Jack London
Winston Churchill	Katie Daynes
Wonderstruck	Brian Selznick
SERIES BOOKS (ANY TITLE IN SERIES)	
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeline L'Engle
Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery
Christian Biographies for Young Readers	Simonetta Carr
I Survived series	Lauren Tarshis
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart
Treasures in the Snow	Patricia St. John
Wingfeather Saga	Andrew Peterson

Summer Reading Written Assignment

Incoming Sixth Grade

Due: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

“No more looking back; it slowed him down.”

~Linda Sue Park

One of the most powerful takeaways from this book is Salva’s resilience through the struggles in his life. Think about all the virtues we learn about and seek to live out at Providence. (Faith, Hope, Love, Fortitude, Tenacity, Temperance, Prudence, Justice, Humility, and Honesty) Pick 3 virtues you see Salva exhibiting through his life and give examples of how you see each virtue. As you pick out 3 virtues, focus on ways you can learn to live out the virtues as you see Salva do this in his own life even when it isn’t easy. Feel free to use your IEW skills with your keyword outlines, and don’t forget to use your IEW dress ups to make your writing more interesting for your readers! FINAL DRAFT must be in CURSIVE!

Brainstorm Bubble:

3 Virtues You See in the Life of Salva and Examples of How You See These in His Life:

1.

2.

3.

