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To: Archbishop Rummel Students, Parents, Guardians

From: Archbishop Rummel English and Library Departments

Re: Summer Reading

## **Archbishop Rummel High School – Summer Reading -- 2006**

The Library and English Departments believe that the purpose of summer reading is to encourage the enjoyment of leisure reading. Educational research indicates that giving students free choice opportunities to discover books, with which they can connect, will help them become successful, even life-long readers. It is this belief that guides Archbishop Rummel's summer reading program. Students will confirm that they have completed their summer reading assignment by taking Reading Counts quizzes. **The Religion Department will once again require summer reading. Please read that department's information regarding its requirements.**

The titles selected for summer reading have been chosen from lists of *Best Books for Adolescent Readers*, *Books for the College Bound*, *English AP* suggested readings, *Best Books for Young Adults*, and award winning books. These books have received positive reviews from teachers, librarians, and professional organizations. Perhaps more importantly, is the fact that these books are popular among adolescent readers.

Adolescent literature speaks to teenagers through the realism of the language and the situations of characters with which the readers can readily identify. Adolescent readers will quickly reject books that do not ring true. While being realistic, adolescent literature attempts to subtly teach positive lessons to its readers. Often, this serves to prevent the young readers from "having to actually touch the fire in order to experience it burning." For your convenience, summaries and reviews of the books can be found at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). The books may be purchased from local commercial bookstores or checked out from the local public libraries. We have sent copies of our summer reading list to the three major local bookstores and to the Jefferson Parish Public Library system.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- ❖ **Each student is required to read TWO books from those selections recommended for his IN-COMING grade level.**
  
- ❖ **AP and Junior and Senior Honors students will read the THREE required selections listed under their appropriate English courses.**

**TESTING:** It is advantageous to test your understanding of the novel shortly after having read it. Therefore, for your convenience, the librarians will be available to conduct Reading Counts quizzes on the summer reading books from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the following dates:

*Thursday, June 22*

*Thursday, June 29*

*Thursday, July 13*

*Thursday, July 20*

**In addition, summer reading quizzes will be administered on the students' assigned book days on August 16 and 17, 2006. ALL SUMMER READING AND QUIZZING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE LAST BOOK DAY.**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE\*\*** Students who do not obtain a 70% on their Reading Counts quiz will be required to complete a reading response exercise to demonstrate that they have completed their summer reading.

**Free Choice Reading: Make wise title selections.** Read blurbs on book jackets or online reviews of several titles before making a selection. Choose books on themes or topics that will be an enjoyable read. If not enjoying the read or if experiencing difficulty with the book, put it down and make another selection. Parents, please allow your sons to read titles that **they** will enjoy.

**Honesty/Integrity Code:** All Archbishop Rummel students and parents are required to commit and sign an Honest and Integrity Code that includes statements concerning the following Reading Counts issues:

- ❖ *Select RC books that have not been read previously;*
- ❖ *Complete entire book before taking the RC quiz;*
- ❖ *Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, movies, etc. are not a substitute for the complete reading of a book.*

**Hopefully, the student will discover a book that he will enjoy or one that he “just can’t put down” or one that somehow will change his life and make him a life-long reader. Whatever the case may be, enjoy the read and the summer!**

*Book lists can be found on the following pages.*

## Summer Reading - ALL 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2006 - 07

In addition to the required novel, *The Magician's Nephew*, choose ONE other book that you have not previously read. Choosing a book that you have read before will violate your Honor Code.

**REQUIRED READING for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders : *The Magician's Nephew* – Lewis (+ one from following:)**

*Silent to the Bone* – Konigsburg

*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* –Gantos (Book 1)

**OR ... *Lost Control*(Book 2)**

**OR *What would Joey Do?*(Book 3)**

\**Black Cauldron* – Alexander (recommended for basic)

*Jip, His Story* – Paterson

*Painting the Black* – Deuker

*Rebounder* - Dygard

*The Land* – Taylor (prequel to Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry)

*No Promises in the Wind* – Hunt

*Incredible Journey* – Burnford

*Blackwater* - Bunting

\* *King of the Wind* – Henry

\* *A Year Down Yonder* – Peck

\* *Bud Not Buddy* - Curtis

*Treasure Island* – Stevenson (not Basic track)

*Old Man and the Sea* – Hemingway (not Basic track)

*Redwall* – Jacques

*Don't Look Behind You* – Duncan

*Silver Kiss* - Klass

*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*-Rowling

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* – Rowling

**One of the Among series (Shadow Children) /  
should be read in order:**

*Among the Hidden* **OR** *Among the Imposters* **OR**

*Among the Betrayed* **OR** *Among the Barons* **OR** –

*Among the Free* - Haddix

\* Newbery Medal Winners - best books for adolescents

## Summer Reading - ALL 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2006-07

Choose TWO books that you have NOT read previously. Choosing books that you have read before will violate the Honor Code that you must sign. **Your two books must be by different authors.**

*Ender's Game* – Card (highly recommended)

*Running Loose* OR *Stotan* – Crutcher

*Winterdance* – Paulsen **OR**

*The River* – Paulsen (sequel to Hatchet) **OR**

*Brian's Winter* – Paulsen (alternate story of Hatchet)

*That Was Then, This is Now* - Hinton

*Shakespeare's Stealer* – Blackwood **OR**

*Shakespeare's Scribe* – Blackwood (sequel of Stealer)

*Blackwater* - Bunting

*Call of the Wild* – London

*Black Like Me* - Griffin

*And Then There Was None* - Christie

*Locked in Time* **OR** *Down a Dark Hall* – Duncan

*Nothing But the Truth* – Avi

*Harry Potter & Order of Phoenix* – Rowling

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* – Rowling

*Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery* – Feinstein

*Danger Zone* - Klass

**One of the Narnia chronicles except *Witch...* /  
Read in order:**

*The Magician's Nephew* – Lewis (Book 1 of Narnia)

*The Horse and His Boy* – Lewis (Book 3 Narnia)

**One of the Among series (Shadow Children) /  
should be read in order:**

*Among the Hidden* **OR** *Among the Imposters* **OR**

*Among the Betrayed* **OR** *Among the Barons* **OR** –

*Among the Free* – Haddix

## Summer Reading – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2006-07 - Honors /Academic

Choose **TWO** books that you have **NOT** read previously. Choosing books that you have read before will violate the Honor Code that you must sign. **Your two books must be by different authors.**

*Ender's Game – Card* (Book 1)

OR *Speaker of the Dead* ( 2<sup>nd</sup> book in Ender's story)

OR *Xenocide* – (3<sup>rd</sup> book in Ender's story )

OR *Children of the Mind*

OR *Ender's Shadow*

OR *Shadow of the Hegemon*

OR *Shadow Puppets*

*Whale Talk* – Crutcher

*A Time to Kill* – Grisham

*Nothing But the Truth* – Avi

*House of Dies Drear* - Hamilton

*After the First Death* OR

*Chocolate War* – Cormier

*Slam* – Myer

*Heart of a Champion* – Deuker

*Stuck in Neutral* – Trueman

*The Chosen* – Potok

*Prey* OR *Timeline*– Creighton

*Hot Zone* - Preston

*Transall Saga* – Paulson

*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* - Rowling

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - Rowling  
(test will not be available until after 8/15)

You may also choose from:

**One of the Among series (Shadow Children) /  
should be read in order:**

*Among the Hidden* OR *Among the Imposters* OR  
*Among the Betrayed* OR *Among the Barons* OR -  
*Among the Free* - Haddix

**One of the Narnia chronicles except for *Witch...!*  
should be read in order:**

*The Magician's Nephew* – Lewis ( Book 1 of Narnia)

*The Horse and His Boy* – (Book 3 Narnia)

*Prince Caspian* (Book 4)

*Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (Book 5)

*The Silver Chair* (Book 6)

*The Last Battle* (Book 7)

**10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Basic – Suggested Titles.** (Students in this track are not limited to these titles. Can pick from other appropriate grade level list. )

Choose **TWO** books that you have **NOT** read previously. Choosing books that you have read before will violate the Honor Code that you must sign.

*Roughnecks* – Cochran

*Imitate the Tiger* - Cheripko

*Son of the Mob* – Korman OR

*Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle* - Korman

*Hanging on to Max* – Bechard

*Far North* or *Maze* or *Wild Man Island* – Hobbs

*Whale Talk* – Crutcher

*Mississippi Trial, 1955* – Crowe

*Whistling Toilets* – Powell

*Speak* – Anderson

*Whirligig* - Fleischman

*Teen Angst* - Vizzini

*It's Not About the Bike* – Armstrong

*Fallen Angels* – Myers (11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grader)

*Monsters* OR *Scorpions* –Myers

*Hole in My Life* – Gantos

*My Losing Season* – Conroy

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - Rowling  
(test will not be available until after 8/15)

If you have read the first three books of Narnia chronicles, you may read Books 4, 5, 6, or 7.  
(See list of titles under 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Summer Reading – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2006-07 - Honors /Academic ( Basic on previous page)

Choose **TWO** books that you have **NOT** read previously. Choosing books that you have read before will violate the Honor Code that you must sign. **Your two books must be by different authors.**

*Into the Wild* – Krakauer

*Ender's Shadow* – Card (parallel story to Ender) **OR**  
any of *Ender's* or *Shadow* series published before 2005

*Brave New World* – Huxley

*The Things They Carried* – O'Brien

*Grapes of Wrath* - Steinbeck

*Street Lawyer* – Grisham

*The Adventures of the Blue Avenger* – Howe

*Basher 52: the true story of F-16 fighter pilot*

*Captain Scott O'Grady* – O'Grady

*Puddin' Head Wilson* – Twain

*The Alchemist* – Coelho

*Son of the Mob* - Korman

*Things Fall Apart* – Achebe

*A Raisin in the Sun* – Hansberry

*The Catcher in the Rye* - Salinger

*Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix*- Rowling

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - Rowling  
(test will not be available until after 8/15)

*Eragon* - Paolini

*California Blue* – Klass

*Gathering of Old Men* – Gaines

*Last of the Mohicans* – Cooper

*Mississippi Trial, 1955* – Crowe

*Black Like Me* - Griffin

*Brighten Beach Memoirs* – Simon

*Foundation* **OR** *Foundation And Empire* (if  
*Foundation* previously read) – Asimov

If you have previously read the first three books of  
Narnia chronicles, you may read Book 4,5,6,7.

(See list of titles under 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Summer Reading – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English IV AP in 2006-07 – 2 required, 1 free choice

*Lord of the Flies* – Golding (required)

*1984* – Orwell (required)

Your choice from 11<sup>th</sup> grade Honors/Academic list or College Bound list.

## Summer Reading - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2006-07 – Academic (Basic on previous page)

Choose **TWO** books that you have **NOT** read previously. Choosing books that you have read before will violate the Honor Code that you must sign. **Your two books must be by different authors.**

*It's Not About the Bike* – Armstrong

*Far North* – Hobbs

*The Body of Christopher Creed* – Plum-Uzzi  
(Printz Award – best books for YA)

*Blue Avenger Cracks the Code* – Howe

*Fallen Angels* – Myer

*Lords of Discipline* – Conroy

*The Alchemist* – Coelho

*Things Fall Apart* – Achebe

*Eragon* - Paolini

*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* -  
Rowling

*Ender's Game* – Card (Book 1)

**OR** *Speaker of the Dead* ( 2<sup>nd</sup> book in Ender's story)

**OR** *Xenocide* – (3<sup>rd</sup> book in Ender's story )

**OR** *Children of the Mind* (4<sup>th</sup> book in Ender's story)

**OR** *Ender's Shadow*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading – Academic (continued)

OR *Shadow of the Hegemon*  
OR *Shadow Puppets*

*The Catcher in the Rye* – Salinger

*Great Gatsby* - Fitzgerald

*Fahrenheit 451* – Bradbury

*Hanging on to Max* – Bechard

*Confederacy of Dunces* – Toole

*Death in the Family* – Agee

*Hole in My Life* – Gantos

*My Losing Season* – Conroy

*Timeline* – Crichton

*The Power of One* – Courtenay

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - Rowling  
(test will not be available until after 8/15)

*Foundation* – Asimov (or *Foundation And Empire* if *Foundation* previously read)

If first three books of Narnia chronicles were previously read, you may read Books 4,5,6, or 7.  
(See list of titles under 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Required Summer Reading – 12<sup>th</sup> Honors 2006 – 2007 – THREE (3) required.

*The Sun Also Rises* – Hemingway

*The Things They Carried* – O'Brien

*Great Gatsby*- Fitzgerald (if not read Junior year) OR  
One free choice from *College Bound List* (if *Gatsby* was read)

## Required Summer Reading – English V AP 2006 –2007 – All THREE (3) required

*The Catcher in the Rye* - Salinger

*Things Fall Apart* - Achebe

*Great Gatsby*- Fitzgerald (if not read Junior year) OR  
One free choice from *College Bound List* (if *Gatsby* was read)

## Recommended Titles for College-Bound Readers

Organizations such as *The College Board* and *American Library Association* publish lists of **Recommended Titles for College-Bound Readers**. The list below was compiled from these. Students in grades 10 – 12, may choose titles from this college-bound list for their summer reading. Selections should be made with parental discretion. Many of these books may be a more difficult read and/or have more mature themes than the grade level choices listed above.

Students in the basic track who want to pick from this list should have teacher input or guidance (call 834-5592, ex. 211).

*Things Fall Apart* – Achebe

*A Death in the Family* – Agee

*Pride and Prejudice* – Austen

*Winesburg, Ohio* – Anderson

*Growing Up* – Baker

*All the President's Men* – Bernstein

*Closing the American Mind* – Bloom

*Jane Eyre* – Bronte

***Recommended Titles for College Bound***

*(continued)*

*The Stranger* - Camus

*Death Comes to the Archbishop* - Cather

*The Awakening* – Chopin

*Heart of Darkness* - Conrad

*Last of the Mohicans* - Cooper

*Red Badge of Courage* - Crane

*Don Quixote* – Cervantes

*Robinson Crusoe* - Defoe

*A Tale of Two Cities* -- Dickens

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* –  
Douglass

*An American Tragedy* - Dreiser

*The Three Musketeers* -- Dumas

*Invisible Man* – Ellison

*As I Lay Dying* – Faulkner

*The Great Gatsby* – Fitzgerald

*Madame Bovary* – Flaubert

*The Power and the Glory* - Greene

*Death Be Not Proud* - Gunter

*Tess of the d'Urbervilles* – Hardy

*The Scarlet Letter* – Hawthorne

*Catch 22* – Heller

*For Whom the Bell Tolls* – Hemingway

*The Old Man and The Sea* - Hemingway

*The Iliad* – Homer

*Native Son* – Richard Wright

*The Odyssey* – Homer

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* – Hugo

*Brave New World* – Huxley

*A Doll's House* – Ibsen

*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* – Joyce

*The Metamorphosis* – Kafka

*The Call of the Wild* – London

*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* – McCullers

*The Member of the Wedding* - McCullers

*Moby Dick* – Melville

*A Canticle for Leibowitz* – Miller

*Mutiny on the Bounty* – Nordhoff

*The Things They Carried* – O'Brien

*Doctor Zhivago* - Pasternak

*Cyrano de Bergerac* – Rostand

*The Catcher in the Rye* – Salinger

*Hamlet* – Shakespeare

*Pygmalion* – Shaw

*Frankenstein* – Shelley

*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* -Solzhenitsyn

*The Grapes of Wrath* – Steinbeck

*Treasure Island* – Stevenson

*Gulliver's Travels* – Swift

*Walden* – Thoreau

*Slaughterhouse-Five* – Vonnegut

***Reminder about Religion Summer Reading:***

***In addition to the TWO or THREE required English summer reading books, the religion department is requiring the following reading for each grade level.***

***See Religion Summer Reading Link at [www.rummelraiders.com](http://www.rummelraiders.com) for more info.***

***8<sup>th</sup> grade - Magician's Nephew (this also meets one of the required English books)***

***9<sup>th</sup> grade - Book of Genesis (Bible)***

***10<sup>th</sup> grade - Gospel of Mark (Bible)***

***11<sup>th</sup> grade - First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (Bible)***

***12<sup>th</sup> grade - Acts of the Apostles (Bible)***

**Students who do not obtain a 70% on their Reading Counts quiz will be required to complete the following reading response exercise to demonstrate that they have completed their summer reading.**

**Reading Response Sheet**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. List four characters below followed by a quote ( and pg. number) from the novel which best describes or exemplifies that character:**

**#1**

A.) \_\_\_\_\_

B.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**#2**

A.) \_\_\_\_\_

B.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**#3**

A.) \_\_\_\_\_

B.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**#4**

A.) \_\_\_\_\_

B.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Write two possible themes (big ideas) that you realized after reading the novel. Support your understanding with a quote (and pg. #) from the novel. Explain how this quote supports your realization (theme).**

#1. Theme:

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Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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#2. Theme:

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Quote: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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