



# St. Gregory the Great Academy

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## **Summer Reading Requirements for 7th Grade 2017**

Dear Incoming 7th Graders,

Even though summer vacation means it is time to relax, we know you understand the importance of continuing to read EVERY DAY! Pick up a newspaper, magazine, a novel, a collection of short stories, a nonfiction book, or a book of poetry. Just keep reading! Reading helps you become the best writer you can be.

One of the keys to summer work is to space it out, not to do it all at the beginning or all at the end of the break. Pacing yourself also keeps the workload from feeling like too much of a burden. Procrastination or completing the work within the first few weeks of summer will not help you achieve the goal of a well-maintained brain!

All of your summer work is due on the first full day of class. There are no excuses in 7th grade. If your printer has problems then you need to bring in a note signed by a parent or guardian, and we expect you to have your work shared with us in your Google drive. These assignments are your first grades of the school-year. Be prepared and do your best work. Please email us over the summer if you have any questions about the summer work. We look forward to working with you in the fall.

Happy reading,  
Mrs. DiGregorio & Mrs. O'Keefe



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## **Summer Reading Requirements for 7th Grade**

Students will be required to read the book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and a second book selection from the attached 7th grade book list. Both books should be brought to school in September.

Writing Assignment for *A Long Walk to Water*:

### **Pre-reading:**

Before you begin to reading examine a map of Africa. Locate Sudan as well as Sudan's neighboring countries, Ethiopia, and Kenya. If a computer is not available, look at the map on the first page of the book paying careful attention to the map key. If you have internet access use the site [www.mapsofworld.com/africa](http://www.mapsofworld.com/africa).

### **Reading:**

Create a journal of eight entries for Salva.

You may type or handwrite your entries and you may include pictures if you would like to help depict the events but it is not necessary. Each entry should be on a separate piece of paper and include the following:

- 1)What happened to Salva in detail.
- 2)Where the event took place.
- 3) Your feelings about what happened.

When you are finished staple all of your entries together and include a Cover with a picture of your favorite event and your name and class.

## 7th Grade Book List 2017

Anderson, Laurie Halse Anderson. *Fever 1793*. During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. Historical fiction.

Draper, Sharon M. *Out of My Mind*. Eleven-year-old Melody has a photographic memory. She's the smartest kid in her whole school- but no one knows it. Most people don't think that she is capable of learning, if only she could speak up. Melody can't talk, walk, or write. She is stuck inside of her own head until her discovery one day. Fiction.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *The City of Ember*. Lina Mayfleet desperately wants to be a messenger. Instead, she draws the dreaded job of pipeworks laborer, which means she'll be working in damp tunnels deep underground. Doon Harrow draws messenger-and asks Lina to trade! Doon wants to be underground. That's where the generator is, and Doon has ideas about how to fix it. For as long as anyone can remember, the great lights of Ember have kept the endless darkness at bay. But now the lights are beginning to flicker. Science fiction.

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief (or other series by author)*. Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse—Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him. When Percy's mom finds out, she knows it's time that he knew the truth about where he came from, and that he go to the one place he'll be safe. She sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods, where he learns that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon a mystery unfolds. Fantasy.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. *A Night Divided*. With the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, are unable to return home. No one can be trusted. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom? Historical fiction.

Scott, Michael. *The Alchemyst*. Corgi Childrens Publishing, 2010. The immortal Nicholas Flamel series takes you on an adventure of alchemysts, magicians, and sorcery between California and Paris. Fantasy series.

Sperry, Armstrong. *Call It Courage*. Macmillan, 1940. The story chronicles the journey of Mafatu, the son of a chief. Mafatu is afraid of the sea and this makes him a coward among his tribe. How does Mafatu handle his problems? Adventure.

Yousafzai, Malala. *I am Malala*. Little Brown and Company Publishing, 2013. The compelling story of the youngest person to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Malala stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. Biography.