

# Get ready for **SUMMER READING**



## Stone Scholastic Magnet Academy Grades 6-8th Optional Summer Reading

All incoming 6th-8th grade students at Stone Academy have the option to participate in a summer reading program. Studies show that as a result of such programs, students have better retention of knowledge, better preparation for school in the fall, and increased literacy skills.

\*Students **MAY READ TWO BOOKS** during the summer. This includes one classic literary novel (list is below) and one novel of choice (the novel of choice can also come from the classic literary novel list). **If your choice novel is not from the list, feel free to email this years reading teacher for approval. It is the students and parents choice as to what books are selected and read for summer reading.** Parents feel free to select additional reading for your child.



\*After completion of the summer reading parents and students need to sign and turn in the attached summer reading contract to receive full credit for their summer reading participation (due on the first day of school).

\*Students can also do one of the following assignments for **EACH** book (for extra credit due on the first day of school).

- Assignment Option One: Write a literary analysis in which you argue the theme of the book you read. Remember to use the checklist to guide you.
- Assignment Option Two: Create a powerpoint, prezi, or website that analyzes the fictional elements of the novel. The presentation should identify the antagonist and protagonist as well as their motivations, the setting, plot line, and theme. Be sure to include textual evidence (examples from the story) to support your analysis of each fictional element.

### **\*CLASSIC LITERARY NOVELS LIST for our incoming 6th, 7th and 8th Grade:**

A Single Shard Linda Sue Park  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain  
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank  
A Walk to Remember Nicholas Sparks  
A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engle  
Call of the Wild Jack London

The Dark is Rising Susan Cooper  
Dragonwings Laurence Yep  
Ender's Game Orson Scott Card  
Hope Was Here Joan Bauer  
Inherit the Wind Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee  
Johnny Tremain Esther Forbes  
Man's Search for Meaning Viktor E. Frankl  
Little Women Louisa May Alcott  
The Magician's Nephew C.S. Lewis  
Milkweed Jerry Spinelli  
The Miracle Worker William Gibson  
The Pearl John Steinbeck  
The Revealers Doug Wilhelm Silas Marner George Elliot  
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Mildred Taylor  
Surviving the Applewhites Stephanie S. Tolan  
Tangerine Edward Bloor  
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle Avi  
Turnabout Margaret Peterson Haddix  
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne  
The Westing Game Ellen Raskin

**\*CLASSIC LITERARY NOVELS LIST for the advanced reader:**

*9th Grade:*

To Kill a Mockingbird Harper Lee  
Animal Farm George Orwell  
Nothing but the Truth Avi Mere Christianity C.S. Lewis  
Around the World in Eighty Days Jules Verne

*10th -12th Grade:*

10 Grade World Literature Novels:  
Julius Caesar Shakespeare  
The Count of Monte Cristo Daniel Defoe  
Lord of the Flies William Golding  
Novels for Book Review:  
This Present Darkness Frank Peretti  
Wuthering Heights Emily Bronte  
The Divine Comedy Dante  
Out of Africa Isak Dinesen  
Tale of Two Cities Charles Dickens  
The Odyssey Homer  
Antigone Sophocles Emma Jane Austen

British Literature Novels:

1984 George Orwell  
Frankenstein Mary Shelley  
Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte

Jane Austen Pride and Prejudice  
Jane Austen Persuasion  
Oscar Wilde The Importance of Being Ernest  
Shakespeare Hamlet  
Shakespeare Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Charles Dickens Hard Times

American Literature:

The Great Gatsby F. Scott Fitzgerald  
The Scarlet Letter Nathaniel Hawthorne  
The Crucible Arthur Miller  
Short stories by Edgar Allen Poe and Flannery O'Connor

The Awakening Kate Chopin  
Ethan Frome Edith Wharton  
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Ken Kesey  
Catcher in the Rye J.D. Salinger  
Color Purple Alice Walker  
Farewell to Arms Ernest Hemingway  
Joy Luck Club Amy Tan  
Of Mice and Men John Steinbeck  
Sound and Fury William Faulkner

***See the optional Summer Reading Contract below:***

## Optional Summer Reading Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print student name) read the following books to complete the summer reading requirements for Stone Scholastic Academy:

**Assignment Chosen:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Completed assignments are due the first day of the first week of school for extra credit toward the first quarter grade. If students are enrolled after July 1st, they will only have to read ONE book!***