

ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Welcome to 7th Grade! Find a sunny corner in your house or at the beach and **read, read, read.**

Objective: Energize your brain by reading at least three books and completing the activities noted.

1. Must read this book:

Courage for Beginners Karen Harrington

When Mysti Murphy starts 7th grade, it seems as if her entire world turns upside down...just when middle school is supposed to start making sense. But with the help of her friends Rama Khan and Wayne, she manages to get through the year more courageous than ever. While the ending of Mysti's story is relatively clear, it leaves a few details up in the air. For example, what will the dance be like? When her father comes home, what will that be like for the family? Does Mysti ever talk to Sandy again? What happens to Anibal? Finish Mysti's story!

Using the same voice and style as the author, write an extended ending for *Courage for Beginners*. Your work should be typed, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font. Your ending should be at least 500 words, but aim for more!

2. Select two books and read them. Complete ONE project for ONE of the books. You may complete one extra project for extra credit.

The Neverending Story Michael Ende

The Outsiders S.E. Hinton

Stargirl Jerry Spinelli

Among the Hidden Margaret Peterson Haddix

A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engle

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)

Moon Over Manifest Clare Vanderpool

Peeled Joan Bauer

Okay for Now Gary D. Schmidt

Complete one of these activities for each of your books:

- **Movie trailer:** Make a movie trailer of your book so that you can entice others to read it. A movie trailer is usually less than 2 minutes and it provides insights to the book without giving away the whole story. You will probably need an iPad or other device with a movie making app to do this.
 - Here is an example of a trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erjRxbX4CzM>
- **Letter to the author:** write a letter to your book's author. Using proper letter writing format, write a letter to the author sharing your comments about the book as you would if you were asked to review it by him/her. Proper letter formation can be found here:
 - <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/653/02/>
- **Illustrate:** Please choose your favorite passage and illustrate it. Minimum size is 8x11 or create a three dimensional construction. In a paragraph, explain the passage and the importance to the book's plot.



If you have any questions, please email me at jfoley@jp2catholicschool.org

Read, read, and read more. It can't hurt!