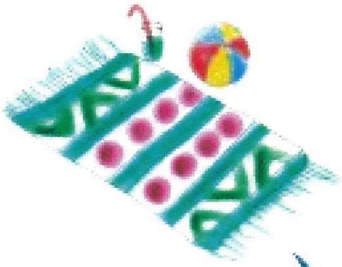

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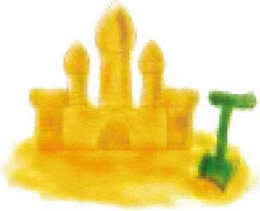

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Dear Parents,

The Master's Academy Summer Reading Program in 2nd- 8th grade has been designed to connect students with an engaging, entertaining and enriching reading experience. Summer reading is a valuable practice for all students and an important extension of our educational program. Reading a variety of literature will enable students to learn, explore, and discuss new ideas with others.

All students including those who are new to The Master's Academy are **required** to complete the summer reading assignment. The reading process is best accomplished over the course of the summer, not in the final days before school starts. Procrastination can be the biggest challenge and source of frustration. Each grade has a specific reading assignment. It will be expected that students will be able to participate fully in classroom activities and discussions about the summer reading. Please carefully review the information included in this packet.

Our program begins in the early grades with a list of recommended books for parents to read with their children. In the upper elementary (2nd- 5th) and middle school (6th- 8th) we require that each student read a specific book and complete the writing assignment that will be due **Monday, September 14th**. The middle school (6th- 8th) students will take the summer reading objective test for comprehension on **Friday, September 18th**.

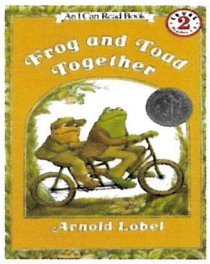
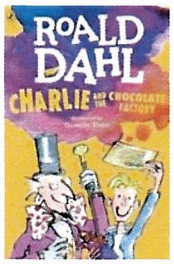
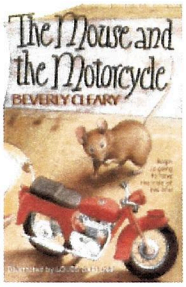
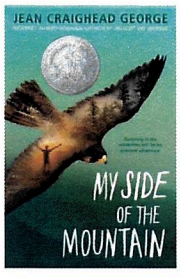
If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Odalis Morales 954-434-2960 or email her at omorales@themastersacademy.org

Mrs. Odalis Morales
Librarian

Mrs. Teresita Martinez
Principal

Students are required to read the assigned book listed below for 2nd – 5th grades. Additionally, following the completion of the required reading, each student will need to complete the *Elementary Reading Comprehension Worksheet* that will guide and prepare the student for class discussion and activities about the book.

2nd- 5th Grade
Required Reading

Rising 2nd Grader *Frog and Toad Together* Author: Arnold Lobel **ISBN13: 9780064440219**  	Rising 4th Grader *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* Author: Roald Dahl **ISBN-13: 9780142410318** 
Rising 3rd Grader *The Mouse and the Motor Cycle* Author: Beverly Cleary **ISBN-13: 9780380709243**  	Rising 5th Grader *My Side of the Mountain* Author: Jean C. George **ISBN-13: 9780141312422** 

Elementary Reading Comprehension Sheet
2nd - 5th Grade

Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Circle one: **Fiction** **Non-fiction**

Setting: (Where does the story take place?)

_____

_____

Character Names: _____

Describe the main character. What kind of person is he or she?

_____

The story begins with

_____

_____

The events in the story are as follows: (include details)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The story ends with

I learned that

I really liked

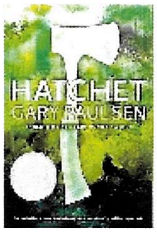
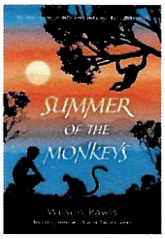
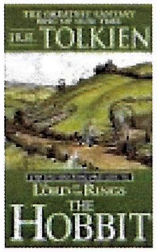
I did not like when

I wonder

I would/would not recommend this book because

Students are required to read the stipulated book listed below for 6th- 8th grades. Additionally, following the completion of the required reading, each student will need to complete the M*iddle School Assignment* that will guide and prepare the student for class discussion and activities about the book. **An objective test for reading comprehension will be administered in English classes on Friday, September 18th.**

6th- 8th Grade
Required Reading

Rising 6th Grader *Hatchet* Author: Gary Paulsen **ISBN-13:9781416936473** 	Rising 7th Grader Summer of the Monkeys Author: Wilson Rawls **ISBN-13: 978-0440415800** 
Rising 8th Grader *The Hobbit* Author: J.R.R. Tolkien **ISBN 13: 9780345339683** 	Enjoy the reading!

Middle School Required Reading Assignment

Read the required novel for the grade level and write a **one page handwritten** essay on **ONE** of the following topics **(only choose one).** Be sure to indicate somewhere in your first paragraph which topic you have chosen:

1. Review the book. Give your opinions, cite examples and quotes from the book to support why you think it is an interesting book or not. In your last paragraph, write whether or not you would recommend it to a friend and why. Divide your essay into 3 paragraphs.

2. Write about the main problem or conflict in the book. Who is involved and what is it about? Be sure to make your last paragraph your conclusion.

3. Choose a main character from your book and tell the story from his or her perspective as if you are writing a journal entry by that character. Assume the role and write in first person. For example: *My name is John Smith and I want to tell you about the summer of my 8th grade year.*

****Important**: Please do not simply summarize the novel. Your teacher will want to read your thoughts and ideas, and you will need to support these ideas with examples, plot summary, or events from the novel which will provide proof that you did read the whole book. If you choose number 3, then give thoughts and perspectives from the character's point of view concerning major events in the story just as you would if you were writing in your own diary.

Due Dates:
Your essay is due on **Monday, September 14th**. If you are a new student and receive this assignment after July 31st, then you will be given 2-4 extra weeks into the school year to complete the work.

Objective Test will be administered on Friday, September 18th in the English classes.

Recommended Reading List 2020

Rising 1st Grader

Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff
Noah's Ark by Jerry Pinkney
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McClonskey
Owl Babies by M. Waddell
Great Day for Up by Dr. Seuss
Hedgie Blasts Off! by Jan Brett
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin
There is a Bird on Your Head! by Mo Willems
Curious George by H. A. Rey
Gigi, God's Little Princess by Sheila Walsh
Will, God's Mighty Warrior by Sheila Walsh

Rising 2nd Grader

Required: *Frog and Toad Together* Author: Arnold Lobel

Recommended for additional reading:

Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Sharmat
Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy Smiler
Once Upon a Time by Niki Daly
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
Arthur Writes a Story by Mark Brown
Houndsley and Catina Series by James Howe
Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler
Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber
Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School by Herman Parish
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Recommended Reading List 2020

Rising 3rd Grader

Required: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* Author: Beverly Cleary

Recommended for additional reading:

Baseball Pals by Matt Christopher
No Grownups Allowed by Beverly Lewis
The Baby Pony by Jeanne Betancourt
A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats
Grace's Letter to Lincoln by Peter Roop
No Talking by Andrew Clements
The Basket Counts by Matt Christopher
The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Ramona Series by Beverly Clearly
Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald J. Sobol

Rising 4th Grader

Required: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* Author: Roald Dahl

Recommended for additional reading:

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
Poppy by Avi
Sadaco and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
The Contest: Everest #1 by Gordon Korman
Nightmare at the Book Fair by Dan Gutman
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Frindle by Andrew Clements
My Life as a Prickly Porcupine by Bill Myers
The Volcano of Doom by Sygmund Brouwer

Recommended Reading List 2020

Rising 5th Grader

Required: *My Side of the Mountain* Author: Jean C. George

Recommended for additional reading:

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements
The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
Peter and the Star Catcher by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn G. Keene
Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon
The Black Stallion by W. Farley
Haunted Waters by Jerry Jenkins
Thunderbird Spirit by Sigmund Brouwer
Peak by Roland Smith
Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Rising 6th Grader

Required: *Hatchet* Author: Gary Paulsen

Recommended for additional reading:

Anne of Green Gables Series by Lucy M. Montgomery
The Black Stallion Returns by Walter Farley
By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder
My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara
Cooper Kids Adventure Series by Frank Peretti
Wonder by R. J. Palacio
The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Julie of the Wolves by Jean C. George

Recommended Reading List 2020

Rising 7th Grader

Required*: Summer of the Monkeys* Author: Wilson Rawls

Recommended for additional reading:

The Book of the King by Jerry Jenkins
Over the Wall by Chris Fabry
Here's Lily by Nancy Rue
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
White Fang by Jack London
Redwall Series by Brian Jacques
The Time Machine by H. G. Wells
The Guardian Angel Series by Sigmund Brouwer
Heat by Mike Lupita

Rising 8th Grader

Required: *The Hobbit* Author: J. R. R. Tolkien

Recommended for additional reading:

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Three by Tedd Dekker
Messenger by Lois Lowry
Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson
Pilgrim's Progress by Gary D. Schmidt
Showdown by Ted Dekker
Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps by Andrea Warren