**Incoming Sixth Grade Summer Reading List and Requirements 2025**

*All incoming sixth graders must read **Holes** by Louis Sachar. In addition, they must choose one book from <u>each</u> of the two following categories:*

**<u>Category 1: Historical Fiction (Pick 1):</u>**

- *Fever 1793*                                     Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Door in the Wall*                      Marguerite de Angeli
- *The Mona Lisa Vanishes*                Nicholas Day
- *Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves*      L.M. Elliott
- *Samurai Shortstop*                          Alan G. Gratz
- *The Night Diary*                              Veera Hiranandani
- *Lines of Courage*                            Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Village of Scoundrels*                    Margi Preus
- *The Wednesday Wars*                    Gary D. Schmidt

**<u>Category 2: Contemporary / Fantasy / Mystery (Pick 1):</u>**

- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*        Kelly Barnhill
- *Alone*                                              Megan E. Freeman
- *The Ear, The Eye, and The Arm*      Nancy Farmer
- *Enchantress From the Stars*          Sylvia Engdahl
- *The Phantom Tollbooth*                  Norton Juster
- *When You Trap a Tiger*                   Tae Keller
- *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*   E. L. Konigsburg
- *The Westing Game*                        Ellen Raskin
- *Impossible Creatures*                     Katherine Rundell
- *The Schwa Was Here*                     Neal Shusterman
- *Can You See Me*                            Libby Scott
- *A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall*      Jasmine Warga

**St. Michael's Summer Book Report Requirements for Sixth Grade**

Students must create a book jacket with a front cover, an interior two-page spread, and a back cover. The entire book jacket should be created from a single sheet of folded, white 8 1/2 x 11" paper. The inside spread and back cover text can be either typed and glued, or hand-written in ink.

- **Front Cover**: The front cover is based on **ONE** of the two selected choice books (NOT *Holes*). It must include title, author, and the student's name, as well as one original color drawing of a significant scene **and** one significant quotation from the book.

- **Inside Spread**: Inside the book jacket, you will write **two** paragraphs (at least **8** sentences each) on **ONE** main character in *Holes.* Before you start writing, make a list of character traits that describe this character. Choose what you think are the two most important traits that describe the character and write one paragraph about each trait. Give an example of when this character exhibited each trait. Explain how this character's personality affected other characters in the book or moved the action of the story forward.

- **Back Cover**: The back cover must include an **8-10 sentence** personal response to the **OTHER** selected book: How does this book compare to other books you've read in the same genre? Did the characters appeal to you? Did you relate personally to any of the characters or events? Why did or didn't you enjoy the book?

**DUE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025**
**(first day of school)**

*Please include this form completed when you turn in your book report at the start of school.*


Student's Name _____


Book One (Title and Author): *Holes* **by Louis Sachar**


Book Two (Title and Author): _____


Book Three (Title and Author): _____


**PARENT VERIFICATION**

I verify that my child has read all three of these books and that this report represents the original work of my child. (Evidence of plagiarism will result in a zero on the report.)


Parent Signature: _____


Student Signature: _____


Date: _____