

As part of our rigorous academic program at Franklin Academy, all students entering 6th- 8th grade, are required to participate in our *Summer Read and Respond Challenge*. Each student must read and respond to at least **two books**, one from the Sunshine State Young Readers Awards summer booklist and the other will be the required grade level book.

Summer Read and Respond Challenge

Please see separate attachment.

Required Middle School Reading

Bridge to Terabithia (Grade 6)

by Katherine Paterson

Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in his grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new girl boldly crosses over to the boys' side and outruns everyone. That's not a very promising beginning for a friendship, but Jess and Leslie Burke become inseparable. Together they create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Grade 7)

by Mildred D. Taylor

Why is the land so important to Cassie's family? It takes the events of one turbulent year—the year of the night riders and the burnings, the year a white girl humiliates Cassie in public simply because she's black—to show Cassie that having a place of their own is the Logan family's lifeblood. It is the land that gives the Logans their courage and pride—no matter how others may degrade them, the Logans possess something no one can take away.

To Kill a Mockingbird (Grade 8)

by Harper Lee

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it. Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, *To Kill A Mockingbird* takes readers to the roots of human behavior - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos. Now with over 18 million copies in print and translated into forty languages, this regional story by a young Alabama woman claims universal appeal. Harper Lee always considered her book to be a simple love story. Today it is regarded as a masterpiece of American literature.

Assignments

For the required reading, assignments will be completed in class during the first week of school.

For the book selected from Summer Read and Respond Challenge, the student (incoming 6th-8th grader) is required to complete one activity. There are six different categories. The types of activities and explanations of each are included for your reference. The activities will be collected during the first week of school. The documents should all be put into a folder.

Presentation

1. Place all documents, if applicable, into a presentation folder.
 - a. Two activities
2. Include a title page for each book selected and include an illustration on each title page.
3. Turn in the folder to your teacher on the first day of school.
4. Students will be issued a completion grade for this project. Please note, the folder with the completed work is due at the end of the first week of school. Students in 6th – 8th grade will turn it in to their homeroom teacher.