

Saint Joseph Catholic School

Expectations for Reading for Grades 6, 7, 8

Summer 2017

TO THE STUDENT: *“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.” – Richard Steele*

To continue our tradition of high academic standards at Saint Joseph Catholic School, we would like to encourage and challenge students to be lifelong learners. This summer, we are asking you to continue reading by choosing your own books and/or reading materials (magazines, cookbooks, manuals, informational texts, etc.). **Read** at your own level and at your own pace. **Read** to find out information, **read** to help you make an informed decision, and **read** more just for fun. Come back to school ready to share what you have read. Below is a link to help you find recommended reading for middle school students. Please remember, you can always go to **readtheory.org** to continue reading at your level!

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/milestones-expectations/enhancing-comprehension-reading-skills-middle-school>

TO THE PARENT: *“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” – Margaret Fuller*

It is well known that reading is fundamental. This summer, we are asking you to encourage your child to read what is interesting to him/her as often as possible. We would also like you to encourage your child to get a library card, be a good example by reading what interests you, and perhaps even making a “reading hour” each day. If your student cannot or does not want to find a book to read, please encourage him/her to go to **readtheory.org** to continue improving reading skills! By **independently working** on skills that would enhance their reading abilities, students will improve these key components: Strategic Reading, Comprehension, Vocabulary, Speed, and Writing Skills. Developing these reading skills allows students to be able to analyze literature and master the content of the entire curriculum (science, social studies, etc.). Research has shown reading develops the brain and helps students do better in all school subjects. Reading can help one become a better student and also a better person. Please check out the video on the importance of reading from bookpeopleunite.org.

<http://inspiremykids.com/2013/15-great-quotes-for-kids-about-the-importance-of-reading/>

We hope you are looking forward to a restful, relaxing, and fun summer. Please continue learning, researching, and investigating whatever is of interest to you! We look forward to seeing you again in August with the information you have to share with us.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”— Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kwoka and Ms. Horn