

7th Grade Summer Reading 2015

Our Lady of Sorrows School

Upcoming 7th grade students will be **required** to read **two** selected books and complete **two** book reports, one for each novel (form available online), <http://www.olsschool.com/>. Enjoy hot summer days transported back in time with these good books. ☺ Happy reading!

Required Reading for 7th grade (choose two)

Listening for the Lions by Gloria Whelan

Orphaned by the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1919, 13-year-old Rachel is deceived into assuming the identity of her neighbors' daughter who died. The greedy neighbors want nothing from their Grandfather Pritchard but his inheritance. Rachel leaves the African countryside and people she loves to travel to England to the bedside of this dying man who expects to see his unknown granddaughter. Should she risk hastening his death by revealing her true identity?

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The Logan family knows racism, illness, and poverty in the 1930's. They also know the pride of family and self worth. In the words of fourth grader Cassie, we hear the story of the Logan family, their brush with evil, and the enduring strength of family bonds.

Chasing Lincoln's Killers by James Swanson

John Wilkes Booth vowed, "Now, by God, I'll put him through," after Lincoln declared victory at the end of the Civil War. A confederate, Booth first intended to kidnap Lincoln but hatched an assassination plot. With immediacy and growing suspense, Swanson puts the reader right at the murder scene in Ford Theatre on that fateful night when no doctor could save Lincoln's life. For the next twelve days, Booth evades capture narrowly in Washington, Maryland, and Virginia with the help of co-conspirators along the way. Period photographs, news clippings, playbills and portraits bring to life this compelling nonfiction narrative.

Boundless by Kenneth Oppel

Dangers abound in this page turner. Avalanches, mysterious creatures, murderous villains, a tightrope walker, and a circus ringmaster combine to spin a tale set on a train named Boundless crossing the Canadian wilderness. Will Everett witnesses a murder and recovers a key that will turn the lock to treasures within the funeral car of the railroad baron Van Horne. Join Will on an adventure of a lifetime as he narrowly escapes one crisis after another discovering whom he can trust and where his loyalties lie. This action-packed story will keep your heart rate up. It's suspenseful!