

JMJ

Summer Projects (INCOMING EIGHTH GRADE)

for Immaculate Conception Catholic School

Due: Monday, August 15, 2017

Objectives: identify and plan for spiritual, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional growth (SPICE)

- * recognize unique talents and strengths
- * value achievements and work to conquer weaknesses
- * improve reading level capabilities
- * develop critical thinking and synthesis skills
- * make personal connections through creative interpretation of literature

The standard format for book reports in upper school is as follows:

One-inch margins all around (top, bottom, left, right)

Arial 12 point font size, double spaced lines, indent the first line of each new paragraph .5"

First line: center MJJ heading (Jesus Mary Joseph)

Second line: student's full name (flush left) and date (flush right)

Everything is written In Clear Complete Sentences (ICCS)

You will read two books over the summer and complete **one book report** and **one project**. Follow the book report guidelines under the mandated reading list for your grade level. Choose a second book from the optional reading list and complete one project.

8th Grade Mandated Reading: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

8th Grade Pick-A-Project Reading Choices: Any Saint Book that is near or above age 9-12 reading level
Four Seasons by Jane Breskin Zalben
Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Freedom Writers Diary by Erin Gruwell
Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, and Algebra by Wendy Lichtman

8th Grade Rubric for Book Report

Title and Author: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Genre: Historical Fiction, Allegory

Characters: Who is the **main character**? Find three sentences from the book that describe her. You can use **dialogue, description, or behavior**. Use quotes and reference page numbers.

Who are the minor characters? **Pick two only** and explain why you think they matter.

Setting: Find three examples of descriptive or sensory language that describe a scene. Use quotes with page numbers.

Summary: What are the most important events in this story? **Don't re-tell the whole story!** You should be able to summarize the novel in about 6-8 well-constructed sentences.

Connection: What would you have done if you were living in the town where this occurred? Imagine you are any one of the characters (man or woman) and describe how you might have behaved differently. Be sure to explain why.

Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Creative and Emotional (SPICE) Growth

Becoming What God Wants You to Be

The responses to the following prompts should be typed (standard ICCS format):

1. Take a picture of yourself (summer 2017) and copy or paste it onto an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper.
2. List three of your favorite things and explain why you like them. (Minimum ten sentences)
3. What is special about you? Explain your personality traits. (Minimum ten sentences)
4. What is one cool or fun activity you did this summer? Did you go on a vacation? Did you visit any interesting museums? (Minimum ten sentences)
5. Explain how you have changed from last summer (**minimum ten sentences each**):

a) **Spiritual:** What is your favorite prayer? How would someone recognize that you are a Christian? How did you practice the Cardinal Virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance)? Give an example for each.

b) **Physical:** Has your hair style changed? Are you taller? Has your shoe size grown? Can you run faster or play a sport better than last year?

c) **Intellectual:** What is one new thing you have learned this summer? List three new vocabulary words you heard/used this summer. Discuss one historical or scientific fact you learned that you did not know last year.

d) **Creative:** How do you express yourself creatively? Do you like to draw, sing, dance, or write? Explain what you do and why it works for you.

e) **Emotional/Social:** How do you behave differently this year compared to last? Do you have more self-control? What do you do when things get difficult? When you are sad? Angry? Frustrated? How do you treat your family members (parents, siblings, relatives)? Are you more responsible than last year?

Pick-A-Project from Reading Choices Lists (8th grade)

Choose only ONE of the following options to complete for your second book:

1. Create a comic book based on one part of your novel. Create and illustrate at least three "scenes." Use dialogue bubbles and be sure to write captions that summarize what the characters are doing (the action). Charcoal or colored pencils are fine; use standard size (8½ x 11) white paper.
2. Complete a painting, drawing or sculpture (any medium) that illustrates a scene from your novel. Explain why you chose the scene and what the characters/setting is all about (about half a hand-written page). Use creative license when determining the size and complexity of your art piece.
3. Create a scrapbook that represents the main character in your book. When you attach each picture or token, be sure to include a brief description of what it is and how it relates to your character. Minimum six pages (at least 8x5 sized paper).
4. Keep a reading diary or journal. You must have a minimum of ten hand-written entries, dated, paragraph form, approximately fifteen sentences each. Your entries need to express what's happened in the chapters you've read for that entry; you must make at least one prediction about what is going to happen, and one comment about a character's personality as revealed through their dialogue or deeds.
5. Create a song about your novel. Include lyrics (submit a typed copy) and record your music on a CD. You can use any instrument and/or appropriate tune. Your lyrics must be related to either the main character or the theme of the novel.
6. Act out a dance or YouTube[®]-style skit dramatizing one scene in your novel. The characters must be easily identifiable; dialogue or mime must reveal **appropriate action** taking place in the selected scene; no inappropriate behavior allowed. Save file in playable format, online storage.