

Grade 6

June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin summer vacation, I encourage all our students to continue learning throughout the summer months. While summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and family activities, it is also important for children to keep their minds active and engaged.

One of the most valuable things you can do for your child is to make reading a daily habit. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and improve their literacy skills, while those who do not often experience learning loss. Parents should continue reading to their children each day until they are able to read independently. Even after children become strong readers, reading together as a family remains a wonderful way to build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books.

We encourage every family to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a favorite story, a chapter book, a magazine, or a visit to the local library, reading together can become a special family tradition.

Math practice is equally important. Students must continue using their math skills to remain sharp and confident. Consistent practice helps students retain what they have learned and prepares them for success when school begins again in September.

You have received your child's login information for **Freckle Math and Freckle ELA**. These are valuable learning resources because the programs assign work based on each student's **STAR Assessment** results. Students who are performing above grade level will be appropriately challenged, while students who need additional support will receive instruction and practice tailored to their individual needs. This personalized approach allows every child to grow and learn at their own pace.

St. Thomas Kids Stay Sharp Over the Summer!

I will be checking in throughout the summer to see who is working on their Math, Reading, and ELA activities. When we return to school in the fall, all summer learners will be treated to a special **Popsicle Celebration** as a reward for their hard work over the summer.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child continue learning throughout the summer months.

Happy reading, writing, and problem solving!

Blessings,

Miss Hawley

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR GRADES 6,7 & 8

GRADE 6

4 – Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Calculator

1 – 1 inch binder

1 – ½ inch binder

2 – Folders

GRADE 7

7 – Spiral Notebooks

Calculator

6 – Folders

1 – 3 Subject Notebook for ELA

4 – 1 Subject Notebook for all subjects

Case IT Organizer – optional

GRADE 8

7 – Spiral Notebooks

Calculator

6 – Folders

1 – 3 Subject Notebook for ELA

4 – 1 Subject Notebook for all subjects

Case IT Organizer – optional

All students – pencils, pens, erasers, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks

Grade 6 students will read 2 books from this suggested book list. They will write a page long reflection on the books they have read. Please be sure they include their name, the title of the book and the author's name at the top of the page.

Summer Reading Book List:

1. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowery

6-7

As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie Johansens's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and pretend she is part of the family. Through Annemarie's eyes, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggle.

2. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Patterson

3-8

In this classic novel, the friendship between young Jess and Leslie grows as they meet in Terabithia -- their secret hiding place -- and only ends with the tragic death of one of them. Set in contemporary rural America, "the story is one of remarkable richness and depth, ...

3. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

GRADE 5

3-7

Esperanza thought she'd always live a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico. She'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home filled with servants, and Mama, Papa, and Abuelita to care for her. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California...

4. *I Survived #1: I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* by Lauren Tarshis

GRADE 5

2-5

Ten-year-old George Calder can't believe his luck -- he and his little sister, Phoebe, are on the famous Titanic, crossing the ocean with their Aunt Daisy. The ship is full of exciting places to explore, but when George ventures into the first-class storage cabin, a terrible...

5. *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate D. Camillo

Grades 3-6

A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Medal-winning tale.

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggerly Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them

down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then?

6. *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maude Montgomery
(Middle School)

Anne of Green Gables is a 1908 novel by Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery (published as L. M. Montgomery). Written for all ages, it has been considered a classic children's novel since the mid-20th century. Set in the late 19th century, the novel recounts the adventures of 11-year-old orphan girl Anne Shirley sent by mistake to two middle-aged siblings, Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, who had originally intended to adopt a boy to help them on their farm in the fictional town of Avonlea in Prince Edward Island, Canada. The novel recounts how Anne makes her way through life with the Cuthberts, in school, and within the town.

7. *Fever* by Laurie Halsey Anderson
(young adult, grades 7-12)

Fever 1793 is a fictional historical novel that tells the story of a 14-year-old girl named Mattie Cook, who fights to survive the yellow fever epidemic of 1793 in Philadelphia.

8. *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
(3-6 grade)

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

9. *The Magician's Nephew* by C. S. Lewis
(4-6 grade)

In this unforgettable story, British schoolchildren Polly and Digory inadvertently tumble into the Wood Between the Worlds, where they meet the evil Queen Jadis and, ultimately, the great, mysterious King Aslan.

10. *The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom* by Corrie ten Boom

At one time Corrie ten Boom would have laughed at the idea that there would ever be a story to tell. For the first fifty years of her life, nothing unusual had ever happened to her. She was an old-maid watchmaker living contentedly with her spinster sister and their elderly father in the tiny Dutch house over their shop. Their uneventful days, as regulated as their own watches, revolved around their abiding love for one another. However, with the Nazi invasion and occupation of Holland, a story did ensue.

Corrie ten Boom and her family became leaders in the Dutch Underground, hiding Jewish people in their home in a specially built room and aiding their escape from the Nazis. For their help, all but Corrie found death in a concentration camp. *The Hiding Place* is their story.

11. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

L. Frank Baum, W.W. Denslow (Illustrator)

Swept away from her home in Kansas by a tornado, Dorothy and her dog Toto find themselves stranded in the fantastical Land of Oz. As instructed by the Good Witch of the North and the Munchkins, Dorothy sets off on the yellow brick road to try and find her way to the Emerald City and the Wizard of Oz, who can help her get home. With her companions the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman and the Cowardly Lion, Dorothy experiences an adventure full of friendship, magic and danger. A much-loved children's classic, *The Wizard of Oz* continues to delight readers young and old with its enchanting tale of witches, flying monkeys and silver shoes.

For more Christian based texts you may use this link if the books noted are not of interest to your child:

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/78162.A_Christian_Classical_School_Reading_List_6th_grade