

St. Peter's Lutheran School
8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment
2010-2011

Students entering the 8th grade at St. Peter's Lutheran school are required to read during their summer vacation. *The View From Saturday* is required and will be the basis of class activities during the first weeks of school. Students should select one book from the following list, read it carefully, and be ready to complete an in class book report during the first days of school. The students will be able to take the AR test for each book provided they have maintained a reading log with a 2-3 sentence summary of each chapter.

Required Reading: *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Koningsburg

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Choose One:

Julie

Craighead George, Jean

AR 5.0

Julie returns to live with her father and finds she must make choices between the old and the new in this sequel to *Julie of the Wolves*.

Surviving The Applewhites

Tolan, Stephanie S.

AR 5.5

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

The Midwife's Apprentice

Cushman, Karen

AR 6.0

In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

Absolutely Normal Chaos

Creech, Sharon

AR 4.7

Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou keeps a summer journal which chronicles her first experiences with romance, homesickness, and death.

Money Hungry

Flake, Sharon

AR 4.2

All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again.

The Big Wander

Hobbs, Will

AR 5.1

As he searches for his uncle through the rugged Southwest canyon country, fourteen-year-old Clay becomes involved with a group of Navajo Indians who are trying to save some of the last wild mustangs.

The Cay

Taylor, Theodore

AR B

After the freighter on which Phillip and his mother were traveling from wartime Curacao to the U.S. is torpedoed, the boy finds himself dependent on an old West Indian for survival.

Code Orange

Cooney, Caroline

AR 6.2

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and could infect all of New York City.

Flush

Hiaasen, Carl

AR 5.0

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of the floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Prince Caspian

Lewis, C.S.

AR 5.7

Prince Caspian and his army of Talking Beasts conquer the Telmarines.