

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignments



Dear Parents and Students,

Please remember that summer is not a vacation from attending church and gathering to pray. It is most important that we continue sharing our faith with our families and friends throughout this summer season.

Additionally, in an effort to prepare the students for the rigors of middle school and to continue to foster a love of reading, the incoming 6th graders are expected to read **two novels**.

## Required Reading:

Incoming sixth graders are required to read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell:

"An island girl is separated from her tribe and must learn how to survive on her own. Through threats of wild animals, natural disasters, and invaders, Karana learns to apply her skills toward keeping herself alive."

For the **assessment of this novel**, students must complete the following:

### **A Comic Strip**

This activity can be done for any event in the story. The first step is to decide on the length of your comic strip (6 to 9 frames is the minimum required); next consider what events you will include. You may wish to highlight a brief incident or include the highlights of the novel. A good sketch of the comic strip can be accomplished in a **storyboard format**. The strip should include a title, dialogue, and color. It should be neat and imaginative.

\*\*\*They must complete the designated assessment for this novel, which will be due on **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** \*\*\*

**The second novel:** (Please choose **ONE** of the two novels listed for your second reading). Students will be assessed on this second novel upon returning to school.

***Chasing Vermeer*** by Blue Balliett:

"When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal."

***Half Upon a Time*** by James Riley:

"Jack's grandfather is pushing him to find a princess and get married, so when a young lady falls out of the sky wearing a shirt that says "Punk Princess" & is looking for her grandmother, who looks like the long-missing Snow White, Jack helps her."

\*\*\*In addition to the school issued iPad, students will also need a **composition notebook, a stylus, loose leaf paper, ELA/Literature 2" binder, highlighter, flashcards, blue or black erasable pens and access to a printer**. While not required, it is advised that students purchase a wireless iPad keyboard to make note taking easier.\*\*\*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pilar Janulionis  
[pjanulionis@st-hugh.org](mailto:pjanulionis@st-hugh.org)