

## Eighth Grade Summer Reading List

St. Mary Catholic School

Congratulations to the rising eighth grade class! I am looking forward to working with you in literature class during your final year at St. Mary. In order to prepare for literature class this coming school year, the rising eighth graders need to read the following books and complete the assignment described below.

### **The Diary of Ann Frank**

**Across Five Aprils-** by Irene Hunt

**\*\*\* For extra credit, you may also visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. during your summer break. After your visit, write a detailed paragraph (6-8 sentences) describing what you saw there and your thoughts on your visit. This is worth 15 points to your overall literature grade. \*\*\***

For one or both books, the student must complete a story information chart. This is due on the first day of school. The charts should include:

- Title and Author
- A description of the setting (time and place)
- A description of the main character
- A list of the minor characters
- A summary of the main conflict
- A summary of the resolution of the conflict
- Your opinion of the book in three sentences. Include specific reasons why you liked or did not like this book supported by details from the story.

You may use the story chart to complete your assignment. Photocopy the original and use it for each book you read. You may also create your own chart by hand or by computer, but it must have all the same elements as the chart given to you.

The chart will be available to download from our school web site.

The charts will count as some of your first assignments for the year. See attached sheet for sample chart. Each chart is worth 25 points.

For one story, you may choose to go “techy” or creative. You can create a video of yourself, Legos, or some other toy figure explaining the story elements. You could also create a Little Bird Tale, an Animoto, or a Glogster explaining the story elements. **You must include the same elements that are in the story chart. See the above list!** You may bring this in on the first day of school or email it to my school account over the summer: [jkarn@stmarycatholicschool.org](mailto:jkarn@stmarycatholicschool.org)

The project is worth 25 points.

You do not have to do the “techy” project. You may instead complete two story charts for each story and bring them on the first day of school.

We will spend the first few weeks of school discussing the two stories. If you keep the book, please bring it with you to school each day.

The extra credit is worth up to 15 extra points.

I look forward to seeing you next school year. Enjoy your reading and enjoy your summer vacation!

Sincerely, Mrs. Karn