

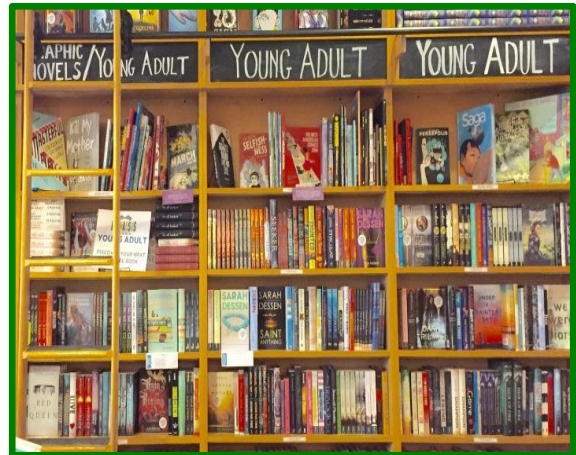
## HSP Summer Reading

Students should, with parental insight, choose piece(s) of either fiction or nonfiction from the [Lexile](#) ranges of 500-1000, with 1000 being 10th grade level reading and 500 being 5th grade, to read for the summer. Most librarians are familiar with Lexile scores, so please ask your local librarian for help with this if you cannot seem to figure the scoring system out for your student.

**Summer reading is mandatory.** I will ask students what they have read over summer when they return to school in the fall, so I do expect reading to occur this summer (maps, blueprints, poems, instructional manuals, music, et cetera, are also forms of reading). **Students may take AR tests on books they read over the summer when they arrive at school in the Fall!**

My favorite (and age-appropriate) books:

The Chronicles of Narnia Series by C.S. Lewis  
 The Lord of the Rings Series by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman  
 The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling  
*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck  
*The Old Man and The Sea* by Ernest Hemingway  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madaleine L'Engle  
*Double Dutch* by Sharon M. Draper  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Maniac MaGee* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
 The Redwall Series by Brian Jacques  
*Fullmetal Alchemist* by Hiromu Arakawa  
*Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr  
 (most books) by Roald Dahl  
*Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Bloom  
*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks



### PARENTS

It is up to parents to choose what their children read. The Lexile scoring system is not run by Catholic priests (as far as I know), so please do not assume any book your student reads is automatically acceptable by the standards of Pope Francis. The system suggests a group of titles for students based on a measure of grade level comprehension. Make sure to scan summaries, to read some pages, and to check with your local librarian to discuss proper maturity levels. Seek religious counsel if you are still unsure.

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