**Middle School Summer Reading**

**Nonfiction book of your choice:** Read a biography, autobiography, or informational book on a topic that interests you. Write a summary of the important information you learned. This summary should be typed, double spaced, and at least one page long.

**Fiction book of your choice:** Read a fictional book that was recommended by a friend or that you have been waiting to read! Make sure the book is appropriate for your reading level.

Choose two projects:

1. Create a collage of pictures that represent the theme of your novel. These can be hand drawn, from magazines, or printed. The theme should be represented on a small poster board. On the back, write the theme in a full sentence. Then write details from the novel that support that theme.
2. Create an illustrated book cover for your novel. On the back, include a summary of the story that describes the main character and the central conflict.
3. Prepare a 3-5 minute video trailer promoting your chosen novel. Use original footage, or copyright free media. (ex. freeplaymusic.com)
4. Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask any questions you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why. (\*at least one full page, typed and double spaced, and written in letter format)
5. Write an objective (without opinion) news story reporting the events in your fiction or nonfiction book. This must be at least a page.
6. Write a song or poem about the emotional relationships between the characters in your novel or nonfiction book. The song must be a minimum of 2 minutes in length while reading aloud or singing.

**Math for Incoming Sixth Graders:**

Rising 6th graders will work on Kahn Academy this summer.   To make a Khan Academy Account and add Mr. Whelan as your coach, please follow these directions:

On any web browser, go to [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

In the upper right hand corner, you will find the Login/Sign up option.  Navigate to the sign up page.

Please have your child sign up as a Learner.  The student will need an adult e-mail account to authorize use.  You can also opt to track progress.

After the account is approved, please have your child sign in and navigate to the coaches screen.  Add Mr. Whelan as a coach via e-mail:

[lwhelan@stcasimirschool.us](mailto:lwhelan@stcasimirschool.us)

Now you are ready to begin your summer work!

Please follow the attached schedule. Students should work at least one (1) hour per week on the topics as listed below.

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| Due Date | 5th Grade Going into 6th |
| June 29th | Decimals:  Compare and order decimals through the 1000th  Rounding Decimals |
| July 6th | Adding and Subtracting Decimals   * Adding decimals to the 100th * Subtracting decimals (all categories) * Adding three decimals |
| July 13th | Intro to negative numbers  Number opposites  Order Negative Numbers |
| July 20th | Adding and Subtracting Decimals in word problems |
| July 27th | Dividing Decimals   * Estimating decimal division * Division strategies for decimal quotients * Dividing decimals * Dividing whole numbers to get a decimal * Multi-digit division strategies for decimals |
| August 3rd | Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions with unlike denominators. |
| August 10th | Geometry   * Intro to the coordinate plane * Graphing points positive numbers only * Coordinate plane graphing word problems * Interpreting plotted points |
| August 17th | Alegbraic thinking: written expression and number patterns. |
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