

Saint Ambrose Catholic School

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading

Mrs. Greshock

7th Grade summer reading required books: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck and *When my Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park.

AR Point Value: *The Pearl* – 4.0 AR Points; *When my Name Was Keoko* – 8.0 AR Points.

Summer Reading Project -- *The Pearl*:

The Pearl by John Steinbeck shows how greed and ambition can destroy our innocence. Like Macbeth, we see Kino transform from a content family man to a violent criminal before our very eyes. Fate and free will both take their parts in this story, and once again, we are left with tragedy because of it.

Assignment:

Create a CD Playlist (creating an actual CD is optional) that would capture the mood of Kino's Song of the Family, Song of the Undersea, Song of the Pearl that Might Be, Song of Evil and Song of the Enemy.

- Playlist must be typed or written neatly. It may be burned onto a CD.
- Each selection must be appropriate.
- For each song, write a small paragraph (3-4 sentences) on why you chose this song.

Extra Reading!

Don't stop there! Record the titles of the books you read along with the AR point value (found at <http://www.arbookfind.com/>) on the Summer Reading Log. Continue to challenge yourself to read more books in different genres.

To earn a **dress down day pass**, read/record a total of 5 books... Enjoy!

American History – Nonfiction:

- *10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War* by Philip Caputo
- *The Day Lincoln was Shot* by Greg Bishop
- *The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy (Chicago's Great Fire of 1871)
- *The Twentieth Maine* by John Pullen
- *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Bruchac

Biographies:

- *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates
- *Lincoln: A Photobiography* by Russell Freedman
- *The Story of my Life* by Helen Keller

Classics:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Souder* by William Armstrong
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fennimore Cooper
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Historical Fiction:

- *Jacob I Have Loved* by Katherine Paterson
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry* by Mildred Taylor
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by George Speare
- *The Gadget* by Paul Zindel
- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

Fantasy:

- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan
- The remaining books in *The City of Ember Series* by Jeanne Duprau

