



# KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## Summer Reading 2026!

*“So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,  
Go throw your TV set away,  
And in its place you can install  
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.” - Roald Dahl*

Dear Students,

As the weather warms up, we remember that summer time is making its way toward us. The summer is for exploration, and let's try it without a TV and without a phone! Every year, you are assigned summer reading to keep you engaged in your learning while classes are not in session. It is so important to maintain your critical thinking skills while on break from school, and who does not love a good book? For this coming school year, you will read a literary work for your English class and a book selection for your religion class as well.

Below you will find the requirements and choices of work *per grade level that the students are entering*.

### Grade 6

#### For English class, choose ONE book:

<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>Rascal</i>	Sterling North
<i>Crash</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Fish in a Tree</i>	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell

#### For Religion class, read:

*Detective Thomas and the Biggest Question* Caitlin Bootsman

### Grade 7

#### For English class, choose ONE book:

<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>	Elizabeth George Speare
<i>Echo</i>	Pam Muñoz Ryan
<i>Counting by 7s</i>	Holly Goldberg Sloan
<i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>	Chris Grabenstein

#### For Religion class, read:

*Case for the Christ for Kids* Lee Strobel

### Grade 8

#### For English class, choose ONE book:

*The Cay* Theodore Taylor

<b><i>Ghost</i></b>	Jason Reynolds
<b><i>The Hobbit</i></b>	J. R. R. Tolkien
<b><i>Chinese Cinderella</i></b>	Adeline Yen Mah
<b><i>Star Girl</i></b>	Jerry Spinelli
<b><i>I Will Always Write Back</i></b>	Caitlin Alifirenka, Martin Ganda, and Liz Welch

**For Religion class, read:**

***Blessed Carlo Acutis: The Amazing Discovery of a Teenager in Heaven*** Sabrina Ferrisi

Once back in school in the fall, you will jump into book conversations with your teachers and classmates. More details on how you will be assessed in each subject will be communicated as the summer ends, and we begin our first trimester marking period. We hope that you are as excited as we are to crack open these books - happy reading!

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