

Rising 7th grade Summer Reading List (2023)

To better prepare our students academically, Strong Rock Christian School incorporates a summer reading program to encourage reading and enhance language arts skills. Students will select a single book from the list below. After reading the selected book, students will complete a book project and AR quiz on the book during the first week of school. Please come to school prepared to discuss this book on the first day of school. Please choose a book that you have not read previously.

If you have questions about the summer reading, please email Mrs. Cardin (Media Specialist) at scardin@strong-rock.com . She will check her email periodically throughout the summer.

Choose one book from the list below:

***Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson (Nonfiction)**

"Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia." – Scholastic

***The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi (Historical Fiction)**

"Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832. But when two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. What begins as an eagerly anticipated ocean crossing turns into a harrowing journey, where Charlotte gains a villainous enemy and is put on trial for murder!" – Scholastic

***Iceberg* by Jennifer Nielsen (Historical Fiction)**

"Hazel Rothbury is traveling all alone from her home in England aboard the celebrated ship *Titanic*. Following the untimely death of her father, Hazel's mother is sending her to the US to work in a factory, so that she might send money back home to help her family make ends meet. When Hazel discovers that mother didn't send her with enough money for a ticket, she decides she must stow away onboard the ship. With the help of a porter named Charlie and sweet first-class passenger named Sylvia, Hazel explores the opulent ship in secret, but a haunting mystery quickly finds her. The danger only intensifies when calamity strikes, and readers will be caught up in the terror and suspense alongside Hazel as she fights to save her friends and herself." - Scholastic

***Wonder* by R.J. Palacio (Realistic Fiction)**

"August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial difference that prevented him from going to a mainstream school – until now. He's about to enter fifth grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid, then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?" – Alfred A. Knopf