

Saint Ambrose Catholic School

**Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading**

**Mrs. Greshock**

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

***The Pearl* Project:**

*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 of 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.

***When my Name Was Keoko* Project:**

In the story *When my Name Was Keoko*, Sue Park takes us on a journey with a brother and sister who are forced to assimilate themselves in a new Japanese culture, leaving their Korean background behind. What if you were forced to learn a new language, new history and make a new life all while having to forget about your old one? Could you do it? How would you feel?

**Assignment:**

Write a 1-page inner monologue answering those questions about having to go through what Tae-yul and Sun-hee had to.

- Must be in first-person point of view.
- Preferred to be typed, but may be handwritten neatly.
- The country that is invading could be of your choosing.
- Make a new name for yourself that is of that country's origin.
- Tone must be serious.

## 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/>) in the Summer Reading Log attached! Continue to challenge your 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 Talked: 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

### American Classics:

- *Little Women* by Lousia May Alcott
- *Souder* by William Armstrong
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Heminway
- *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin

### 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 Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan
- The remaining books in *The City of Ember Series* by Jeanne Duprau

**Summer Reading AR Log – Extra Reading**

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Book Author</b>	<b>AR Point Value</b>
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**\*\*Please continue the list below if you read more than five books! 😊\*\***