

**Lake Castle Madisonville Private School, Inc**  
Upper Elementary Summer Reading & Writing  
2026-2027

Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades must read the **assigned books plus two other books** from the lists\* and prepare book reports on **each** using the formatting provided for each grade level on Sycamore as well as the Lake Castle website at [www.lakecastle.com](http://www.lakecastle.com). In addition to the book report, students must be prepared to take an **online** test on the **assigned reading** via Sycamore. The completed book reports and the **Parent Verification** are to be uploaded to the student's Dropbox in Sycamore **prior** to **August 1**. **Instructions will be emailed in July.**

**Students Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Assigned reading: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rats**

Book Report Format: 4<sup>th</sup> Book Report Form

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>ISBN #</u></b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rats</b>	<b>Spinelli</b>	<b>978-0590442442</b>
Little House in the Big Woods	Wilder	978-0060581800
Lunch Money	Clements	978-0689866852
Trumpet of the Swan	White	978-0064408677
Maniac Magee	Spinelli	978-0316809061
The Chocolate Touch	Catling	978-0688161330

**Students Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Assigned reading: Holes by Louis Sachar**

Book Report Format: 5<sup>th</sup> Book Report Form

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<b>Holes</b>	<b>Sachar</b>	<b>978-0440414803</b>
Summer of Swans	Byars	978-0140314205
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery	978-1442490000
James and the Giant Peach	Dahl	978-0140374247
The Whipping Boy	Fleischman	978-0060521226
The Secret Garden	Burnett	978-0141321066
The Miracle Worker	Gibson	978-1416590842

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**Students Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Assigned reading: Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks**  
 6th Book Report – For **each** book, choose one question from letters **A-C**.  
 Answer all parts of chosen question.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>
<b>Indian in the Cupboard</b>	<b>Banks</b>	<b>978-0375847530</b>
Dragonwings	Yep	978-0064400855
Lord of the Rings	Tolkien	978-0618640157
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare	978-0547550299
The Black Stallion	Farley	978-0679813439
M. C. Higgins the Great	Hamilton	978-1416914075
Little House on the Prairie	Wilder	978-0060581817
The Secret of the Old Clock (Nancy Drew)	Keene	978-0448095011
The Tower of Treasure (Hardy Boys)	Dixon	978-0448089010

**Students Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Assigned reading: Slave Dancer by Fox**  
**Students must submit Study Guide in Dropbox prior to August 1.**  
 7th Book Report Format – For **each** book, choose one question from letters **A-D**.  
 Answer all parts of chosen question.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>
<b>Slave Dancer</b>	<b>Fox</b>	<b>978-1416971399</b>
Call It Courage	Sperry	978-0689713910
The Yearling	Rawlings	978-0689846236
Ella Enchanted	Levine	978-0064407052
The Pearl	Steinbeck	978-0140177374
Little Women	Alcott	978-1593081089
Kidnapped	Stevenson	978-0553212600
Hatchet	Paulsen	978-1416936473
Bridge to Terabithia	Patterson	978-0064401845
The Wednesday Wars	Schmidt	978-0547237602

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**Students Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

***Assigned reading: The Hero Code: Lessons Learned from Lives Well Lived***  
***Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life . . . And Maybe the World***

8<sup>th</sup> Required Book Report Questions – Choose one question from letters E-F.  
Answer each part of chose question.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Book Report Format – For **each** additional book, choose one question  
from letters **A-D**. Answer each part of chosen question.

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>ISBN #</u></b>
<b>The Hero Code: Lesson Learned from Lives Well Lived</b>	<b>McRaven</b>	978-1538707203 Check Amazon
<b>Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life. . . And Maybe the World</b>	<b>McRaven</b>	978-1455570249 Check Amazon
Brian's Song	Blinn	978-0553266184
The Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway	978-0684801223
Sea Wolf	London	978-0553212259
Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom	978-0767905923
The Martian Chronicles	Bradbury	978-0062079930
Death on the Nile	Christie	978-0062073556
Summer of My German Soldier	Greene	978-0142406519
Frankenstein	Shelley	978-1593081157
The Book Thief	Zusak	978-0375842207
Izzy, Willy-Nilly	Voigt	978-1416903390

*\*Note: Students must read the **assigned** novels and choose two other books from the lists provided. We encourage parents to read the content and reviews of each book listed in order to choose novels appropriate for your individual children.*  
Book Review Website: [CommonSenseMedia.org](http://CommonSenseMedia.org).