



Summer 2018

Dear Incoming 6th Grade Student,

We look forward to you being enrolled in the upcoming school year at Calvary Academy as a Middle School Student. All students at Calvary Academy from grades 6 through 12 are responsible to complete **two book readings** during the summer. You will be writing a critical book review (CBR) during the first full week of Language Arts class, under the supervision of your Language Arts teacher. Please choose one of the following books to read in preparation:

- **The Twenty-One Balloons**, by William Pene du Bois (ISBN # 0-14-032097-0)
- **My Side of the Mountain**, by Jean Craighead George (ISBN # 0-14-131242-4)
- **Bridge to Terabithia**, by Katherine Paterson (ISBN # 978-0064401845)

In addition to one of the above books, you will be required to select one of the books from the **Chronicles of Narnia** series, by C.S. Lewis (other than **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**). One of the following written assignment OPTIONS should be turned in to your Language Arts teacher within the first 2 weeks of the new school year.

Option#1-

Write a diary, as the main character, explaining the main events of the story. It must include at least four entries reflecting the events from the beginning, middle, and end of the book. This should be at least two handwritten pages in length, skipping spaces between lines. If you are typing your paper, it should be at least 1 ½ pages, double spaced.

-OR-

Option #2-

Write a letter to a friend about the book you read. Explain why you liked or did not like the book. Include the plot, summary, main characters, and three specific examples from the story to support your recommendation (250-300 word count typed and double spaced.)

Have a blessed summer!

In Service to Him,

Mrs. Cruz

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child." — May Ellen Chase