

## STUDENTS ENTERING FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH:

You as a parent can help your child in these grades by encouraging him or her to read every day and by providing books, which your child can read.

Reading is done so that ground is not lost during the summer months. See that your child reads independently at least one book per week. If this is a chore for him/her, the book is too difficult. Let your child read a book that he/she likes and can read with ease. It is important that reading be enjoyable!!! Allow your child to read to you. This will help the reader to build confidence.

Each student is encouraged to read twelve (12) books on his level. Look for Caldecott Winners, Newberry Award Winner, Judy Blume, Hardy Boys, or Nancy Drew books, for example.

Students are also encouraged to join the local public library's summer reading program. All students who bring a list of 12 plus books read and/or a summer reading certificate will be given credit at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. The type/amount of credit given will be at the discretion of each teacher.

**SUMMER READING LIST: GRADES 6-12**

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA ACADEMY**

Listed below is the novel required for students entering each grade to read over the summer.

**Students will be tested over the novel during the beginning of the school year.**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Belle Prater's Boy – **Ruth White**

**7<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Worth – **A. LaFaye**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Number the Stars – **Lois Lowry**

**9<sup>th</sup> grade:**

The Hunger Games – **Suzanne Collins**

**10<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Life of Pi – **Yann Martel**

**11<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – **Mark Twain**

**11<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English:**

The Grapes of Wrath – **John Steinbeck**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Frankenstein – **Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English:**

Brave New World – **Aldous Huxley**

The Canterbury Tales – **Geoffrey Chaucer**