

**Bishop Garriga Middle Preparatory School
Summer Reading List
2017-2018**

Choose <u>ONE</u> of the grade level books, plus at least <u>two other</u> books of your choice.
Grade 6
<i>Sign of the Beaver</i> by Elizabeth George Speare
<i>Until the day his father returns to their cabin in the Maine wilderness, 12-year-old Matt must try to survive on his own. During an attack by swarming bees, Matt is rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson.</i>
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> by L.M. Montgomery
<i>Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert are in for a big surprise. They are waiting for an orphan boy to help with the work at Green Gables - but a skinny, red-haired girl turns up instead. Feisty and full of spirit, Anne Shirley charms her way into the Cuthberts' affection with her vivid imagination and constant chatter. It's not long before Anne finds herself in trouble, but soon it becomes impossible for the Cuthberts to imagine life without 'their' Anne - and for the people of Avonlea to recall what it was like before this wildly creative little girl whirled into town.</i>
Grade 7
<i>Things Not Seen</i> by Andrew Clements
<i>Bobby Phillips wakes up one morning to discover he's a missing person. Not that he's been kidnapped - he's still in his own home - but he's turned invisible! Worried that he'll become a medical curiosity, his parents decide to keep it a secret, and Bobby is more alone than he's ever been in his life. Then he befriends a blind girl, Alicia, who doesn't know how different he really is. Can Bobby trust her with his big secret? And will he stay invisible forever?</i>
<i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London
<i>Stolen from his home and family, a dog named Buck must quickly learn the harsh law of survival among the men and dogs of the gold-crazed North. His intelligence, courage, and cunning transform him into a feared leader. As wolves attack and men grown desperate, Buck must heed the call of the wild. Only the strong will survive.</i>
Grade 8
<i>Across Five Aprils</i> by Irene Hunt
<i>Jethro's family farms in southern Illinois and is divided about which side of the war to support. Two of his brothers fight for the North and one fights for the South. The remaining family members face trouble from the community because of the brother who went South. When Jethro's father has a heart attack, Jethro has to become the man of the family and the main farmer. He is a sensitive boy and hears of the war through letters, finding out that it is not a pleasant experience. By writing a letter to Abraham Lincoln, his hero, Jethro helps his cousin who deserted the Northern army. By the end of the novel, an enlightened Jethro comes to the realization of the horrors of war.</i>
<i>Black Beauty</i> by Ann Sewell
<i>Black Beauty tells the story of the horse's own long and varied life, from a well-born colt in a pleasant meadow to an elegant carriage horse for a gentleman to a painfully overworked cab horse. Throughout, Sewell rails - in a gentle, 19th century way - against animal maltreatment. Young readers will follow Black Beauty's fortunes, good and bad, with gentle masters as well as cruel. Children can easily make the leap from horse-human relationships to human-human relationships, and begin to understand how their own consideration of others may be a benefit to all.</i>