

**St. John the Baptist School**  
**June 2019**

Dear Incoming Seventh Graders,

Over the summer you are required to read at least three books. The following title is required:

***Listen, Slowly*** by Thanhha Lai

In addition, choose two titles from the books listed below OR one from this list and one from the upper grade nonfiction list (on back and on school website):

*Nothing But the Truth* by Avi  
*Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor  
*Parvana's Journey* by Deborah Ellis  
*Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry  
*Scorpions* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson  
*Sugar* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*Timothy of the Cay* by Theodore Taylor  
*Banner in the Sky* by James Ramsey Ullman  
*Izzy, Willy-Nilly* by Cynthia Voigt  
*The Contender* by Robert Lipsyte  
*Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan

Do not complete a project for the required title. You will be assessed on your knowledge of this title upon your return to school. For two of the books complete the activities listed on the attached instructions. Complete the graphic organizers that go along with the activities and be ready to turn them in with the assignments. These assignments are due the first day of school. They will contribute to your literature grade.

I think you'll enjoy these novels. Have a great summer.

Happy reading!  
Mrs. Jenkins