

Dear Incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students and Parents,

Happy Summer! Once again, the junior high students at St. Rose of Lima will be required to participate in a summer reading program for all incoming students. This program promotes literacy, builds comprehension skills, increases vocabulary, and continues to foster a love of reading.

This year, students will read a novel assigned by grade level. The required readings are listed below. Students have the choice of purchasing a hard copy or using the PDF version linked below:

Incoming 6th Graders:

*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

Link to PDF:

[http://sparkersclass.weebly.com/uploads/1/9/5/6/19568499/the-full-book-of-freaky-the-mighty-in-put\\_usbornel.pdf](http://sparkersclass.weebly.com/uploads/1/9/5/6/19568499/the-full-book-of-freaky-the-mighty-in-put_usbornel.pdf)

Incoming 7th Graders:

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Link to PDF:

[https://stroseoflimaschoolnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/OceanofPDF.com\\_Refugee\\_-\\_Alan\\_Gratz.pdf](https://stroseoflimaschoolnj.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/OceanofPDF.com_Refugee_-_Alan_Gratz.pdf)

Incoming 8th Graders:

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Link to PDF:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXjbGFzc2FsYmVydGl8Z3g6NzE3OTEzYzE0YTgxYzUyZA>

A PDF copy of assignments for each novel will be available online.

Students, please have your completed summer reading assignments and your novel in hand on the first day of Reading class, and be prepared to discuss the novel in-depth. You will complete assessments and various projects for your novel within the first few weeks of school.

Enjoy your break, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Holliday