

Trinity Christian School

2021-2022 Middle School Supplies List

Please purchase the items below and bring them along to Open House or the first day of school. We will organize them according to what is needed for each class at that time. Thank you.

- One "Trapper Keeper" style binder (wide enough to accommodate a planner, folders, and a notebook). Students find it helpful to have one with a carry strap and a zipper.
 - o **Please note:** some of the large "trapper keeper" style binders have built in accordion-style folders. This is preferred.
- ESV (English Standard Version) Bible
- 1 Journal or Composition Book - Choose one that reflects your personality!
- 1 plastic 3-hole pocket folder - Used for sending forms home
- Calculator Optional for 7th & 8th Grade ONLY Must be a TI-30XIIS (cost is around \$15)
- 3 12-count boxes of #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils, please)
- 2 12-count boxes of pens (one box of red; the other any dark color - no click pens, please)
- 3 Packages of 3-hole punched graph paper or a couple of graph notebooks
- 1 set of index cards (on a ring if you can find them)
- Completed Summer Reading List
- School Uniforms (including gym)
- 2 sets of wired earbuds or headphones to be left at school. An extra pair or two isn't a bad idea; they frequently get broken (especially if you purchase the dollar store variety).
- 2 TCS T-Shirts for gym. Please use the following website to order t-shirts (be sure to order no later than August 6th): <http://www.trinitychristianschool.deco-apparel.com/>

NEW THIS YEAR: We realize the struggle it is to find quality, dress code gym shorts, so we are working with a supplier to provide TCS logo shorts to you at a minimum cost. Students will still need to have TCS T-Shirts as usual, and **solid** (logo free) bottoms to wear over the shorts in winter. Old Navy, Amazon, and Walmart have these types of bottoms at reasonable cost.

Please bring ALL supplies to Open House or the first day of school. We will supply a planner to each student.

Thank you, and we are so excited to see you at our Open House on August 25th at 6 PM!

NAME: _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2021

Congratulations on completing another year of school! I hope your summer is filled with lots of rest, relaxation, and fun. While you are vacationing, or enjoying the comfort of sleeping an extra hour or two, I do not want you to forget how to appreciate a wonderful book. As most of you have experienced in my classroom, I have high expectations for my students' literacy development. Smart people across the globe agree that NOT reading causes students to lose valuable reading skills they have gained throughout the school year. In order to prevent this "summer slide," I have prepared this reading assignment for you.

After all, reading really isn't homework; it is a life skill that everyone needs to live a fulfilled life. **Each student is asked to meet the following reading goals:**

5th Grade: 500 pages

7th Grade: 700 pages

6th Grade: 600 pages

8th Grade: 800 pages

Read as many books as it takes for you to reach your page goal.

All students who meet their goal will join me for a pizza and ice cream lunch on September 3rd! To be eligible for this special event, you will need to bring in this completed assignment sheet on the first day of school. There will be bonus prizes for students who read 200 pages above their goal!

Have fun, and I'll see you in the fall! ~Mrs. Grant

Book #1

Title: _____

Author: _____

of Pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Book #2

Title: _____

Author: _____

of Pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Book #3

Title: _____

Author: _____

of Pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Book #4

Title: _____

Author: _____

of Pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Book #5

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Author: _____
of Pages: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Book #6

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Book #11

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of Pages: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Book #12

Title: _____
Author: _____
of Pages: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Book #13

Title: _____
Author: _____
of Pages: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Book #14

Title: _____
Author: _____
of Pages: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Helping to Prevent Summer Reading Loss

 pbs.org/parents/experts/archive/2010/07/helping-to-prevent-summer-read.html

by Julie M. Wood, Ed.D.

Once upon a time, in a world before the Internet, smart phones and other wireless devices, there were books. And you'd go to the library all summer long and check out seven or eight at a time. You'd head for a shady spot under a tree, or a hammock if you were really lucky, and devour all sorts of books, from *The Borrowers*, to *Mary Poppins*, to *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*.

For me, it was entering into the world of *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, oblivious to the day of the week or chores that needed to be done. And whatever else I was doing over the summer, I'd be sure to find time to read. Ever since I learned to read, books were my touchstone -- from age 5 throughout the rest of my life.

Now, of course, children have a wealth of books to choose from, many of which are even more entertaining and reminiscent of a larger world than those we had back then. From DK Eyewitness books to *Harry Potter*, children have a mind-boggling assortment of fiction and nonfiction choices.

As parents, one of our major roles is to make sure that children set aside time every day to read - to read for pleasure, for information, for the vicarious thrill of living in an imaginary world. Why is this so important?

- Children need to engage with books every day so they can maintain, and ideally strengthen, all the literacy skills they learned during the previous school year. Assistant Principal Twana Santana-Embry compares reading to exercising, telling her students that any time they read they are "strengthening their reading muscles."
- The stakes for children who do not read over summer vacation are high. Substantial research on this topic shows it's usually the students who can least afford to lose ground as readers who are most likely to suffer from summer reading loss and fall far behind their peers.
- The few months of loss in reading skills compounds over the years; by the time children reach middle school, those who haven't read during the summers may have lost as much as two years worth of achievement.

The good news is that if children read just six books over summer vacation, they will likely avoid summer reading loss. Here are a few ideas for reaching--and going beyond--this six book goal:

- Take books with you and your child everywhere you go; to the doctor's office, on picnics, on road trips, etc.
- Let your child choose the books she wants to read (as long as they're age-appropriate and are written at the *just right* level of difficulty).
- Support his reading experience by talking about the books and helping him understand and interpret what he reads.
- Read aloud to your child, even if he can read on his own. It helps build vocabulary and listening comprehension skills.
- As you're reading aloud, be sure to interact with your child by asking what she thinks might happen next, what a certain character is likely to do, whether the story is real or make-believe, and so forth. Above all, have fun!
- Encourage your child to participate in a summer reading program. Many libraries host them. Some bookstores do, too. You might also consider the [PBS KIDS & Parents Reading Challenges](#) which runs throughout the summer months.

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Uniform Shopping Guide

As you purchase uniform clothes for the next school year (or as you decide which clothing items to keep), please use this guide to ensure the clothes you have for next year are dress code approved. *

Tops	Bottoms	Dresses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Polo with collar; any solid* color <u>OR</u> ✓ TCS logo t-shirt ✗ No logos (even tiny ones!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Khaki, Black, or Navy ✓ Pants, capris, shorts, skirts, and skorts are all OK ✓ Solid color ✗ No cargo pockets ✗ No denim ✗ No logos ✗ No leggings as pants <p><i>Shorts/skorts allowed before November 1 and after April 1. Skirts must be worn with leggings or bike shorts underneath.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Polo with collar ✓ Any solid color ✓ Must be worn with navy or black leggings/bike shorts OR leggings/bike shorts that match the dress ✓ Leggings should be solid without embellishment (cutouts, mesh, sequins, etc.) ✗ No logos <p><i>Bike shorts are allowed underneath dresses before November 1 and after April 1.</i></p>
Sweaters/Sweatshirts	Gym Uniform* (PE days only)	Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Any solid color ✓ TCS logo ✓ Sweatshirts, jackets, cardigans, sweaters, vests, and hoodies are all OK ✓ <u>A polo or TCS t-shirt must be worn underneath</u> ✓ No graphics or logos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TCS T-Shirt OR <u>plain</u> solid colored t-shirt ✓ Loose fitting, solid shorts, sweatpants, track pants, or joggers ✓ Sneakers ✓ Leggings are acceptable only with approved shorts over ✗ No logos <p><i>Joggers or track pants with shorts underneath can be worn during the winter.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shirts need to be tucked in; belts optional for kindergarten and first grade ✓ Solid color <u>matching</u> socks ✗ No rips, holes, or tears ✗ No form-fitting clothing <p><i>Please see the handbook for specific guidelines for shoes.</i></p>

***Solid colors only.** Heathered, striped, color blocked, or subtly patterned clothing is not dress code.

***Gym Clothes** for students in grades 1-4 is optional. **For grades 5-8, a gym uniform is required for each PE day.** Purchase TCS t-shirts here: (allow 2 weeks for production): <http://www.trinitychristianschool.deco-apparel.com/>

For our **casual dress days**, please refer to the Parent-Student handbook for details.



Please note that we have a large closet behind the main office for uniform clothing that you can take as needed. We accept donations of outgrown uniform clothing, too!

* This is just a guide. More specific details can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook.

I truly believe that encouraging your child to continue flexing his or her reading muscles over summer vacation is the single most important thing you can do to help develop literacy learning. What do you think? How do you promote summer reading?