

# Summer Reading Ideas 2009

## Our Lady of Sorrows School

*Make reading as central to your summer as going to the pool, eating ice cream, and sleeping late. Have a great summer! Mrs. Blair*

This summer, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be **required** to read **two** selected books and complete a book report form on each book available on the following web site:

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### Required Reading for 7th grade (choose one)

**Listening for Lions** by Gloria Whelan -- Orphaned by the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1919, 13-year-old Rachel is deceived into assuming the identity of her neighbors' daughter who died. The greedy neighbors want nothing from their Grandfather Pritchard but his inheritance. Rachel leaves the African countryside and people she loves to travel to England to the bedside of this dying man who expects to see his unknown granddaughter. Should she risk hastening his death by revealing her true identity?

**Call of the Wild** by Jack London -- Published in 1903, this book is Jack London's most popular. Buck, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, is a large dog abducted from California and sold to a trainer of sled dogs who takes Buck to Yukon, Alaska where he must endure harsh weather and cruel treatment. Follow Buck's journey to follow his instincts surviving in the wilderness.

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**Swear to Howdy** by Wendelin Van Draanen -- Joey and Rusty are the kinds of friends who stand up for each other and can keep a secret. Joey is usually headed for trouble and Rusty's right behind. When things go wrong, Joey makes Rusty "swear to howdy" never to tell...like the time Joey went skinny dipping and the fish bit him in a tender spot. But, Rusty is truly tested when one of their pranks goes terribly wrong.

**Robinson Crusoe** by Daniel Defoe -- Written in 1719, this story is a timeless tale of an adventurer marooned on a shipwrecked island. Crusoe makes the island home for 26 years and rescues a man from cannibals whom he calls "Friday" because that was the day he met him. "Man Friday" has become an expression meaning any trusted servant. Crusoe wrestles with his faith as he endures his isolation.



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