

St. Cecilia School
Summer Reading Requirement
Entering Grades 5
Reading Response Journals

A reading response journal is a notebook in which you write about your reading. In it, you communicate thoughts and feelings about the book you are reading. The journal allows the teacher to see what you are thinking and what you know about the books you have selected.

Requirements:

- 1) Write the title and author of the book on the top of the page.
- 2) Write the date.
- 3) Produce at least **5 responses per book**
 - 3 of the 5 responses must be written in paragraph form
 - Other responses may be illustrations or cartoons that show an understanding of what you have read.

What can you write about in your response journal? Here are some ideas to help you...

- Make a prediction about what will happen next
- Agree or disagree with one of the characters
- Share your reaction to the story
- Describe the main character or any character's personality
- Discuss how a character has changed in the story
- Relate something from the book to your life
- Compare the book to something else you have read
- Explain why you like or dislike the book
- Discuss/draw a particular scene important to the story
- Any thoughts or feelings you are having about your reading!

***Journals will be collected and graded on the first day of Labor Day week**

Enjoy your summer reading!

Questions? email Barbara Glinka - barbaraglinka@sbcglobal.net