

## 4. Going the Extra Mile

St. Luke School students are always out there trying to do their best! This coming year we are going to celebrate the many different ways we see students “going the extra mile” in many different ways. One way that we are going to kick off this theme is to ask that **EVERY** student send a postcard or picture of somewhere you visited this summer. You will send the card directly to your teacher or you can mail it to the school at:

St. Luke School  
Attn: Teacher’s Name  
318 11th Street  
Columbus, GA 31901

All of the pictures and postcards will be added to a very special display before school starts and a pin will be put on the map to represent your summer adventure - even if it is in your own backyard! All postcards and pictures must arrive no later than August 6th, 2009.



## A Message from the Headmaster

Summer is a special time for families and we at St. Luke School recognize students need some time to relax and enjoy just being children.

Research tells us that children should watch less television and read more, play fewer video games and participate in more REAL play, and sleep in less on Sunday mornings and attend more worship services and Sunday School.

Our summer activity, **although required**, is an exciting way for parents and their children to interact and keep those brains engaged. Middle School students are required to **read two books** [see inside of brochure] as a part of their summer reading and will test on the required reading once school begins. Students are also required to complete a summer **reading log** showing at least 880 minutes of summer reading. There is also a **math packet** to more adequately assure our middle school students of success in math for the 09-10 school year by keeping their math skills sharp. In addition, students should send in **one postcard** as described in this brochure. Please feel free to call us if you have questions.

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For more information, additional reading logs, and links to suggested reading lists, please visit the Lions on the Loose section at the SLS school website:

<http://school.stlukeum.com>

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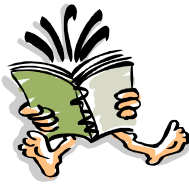
## Lions on the Loose Summer 2009

### Middle School

### Summer Requirements:

1. Summer Novels
2. Math Packet
3. Reading Logs
4. Going the Extra Mile Postcard

# 1. Required Reading



You are required to read the two selections below as indicated by grade level. Insure that all reading is documented on the Summer Reading Log. Upon return to St. Luke students will be expected to:

1. Take an Accelerated Reading Quiz on the novels read;
2. Take a Literacy Skills test on the novels read [if available]
3. Take a Vocabulary Quiz on the novels read [if available]
4. Participate in a small and whole group discussion on the novels read



## 6th Grade Required Reading:

Crash by Jerry Spinelli

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz

## 7th Grade Required Reading:

The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt

Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl

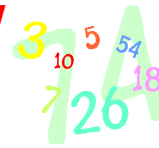
## 8th Grade Required Reading:

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

Tasting the Sky by Ibtisam Barakat

The titles have been selected by the English and Reading Department to represent the best in children's literature. The Wednesday Wars and Elijah of Buxton are 2008 Newbery Honor Books. Esperanza Rising, Boy, and Tasting the Sky represent outstanding selections in historical fiction and non-fiction genres. Visit the St. Luke website to see cover images and other publication information.

# 2. Required Review Math Packet



In preparation for a successful year in middle school math please study the objectives and complete the problems included in the math packet. The objectives in the packet should have been mastered in your 2008-2009 math class. We encourage you to work each problem with great effort and perhaps study your multiplication tables on a regular basis this summer.

The following procedures should be used for completing your summer math packet:

1. Complete all **even numbered** problems for each of the objectives on loose-leaf notebook paper using pencil. Your work should be organized by objective and placed in a paper notebook with brads and pockets. Please place this summer packet in the pocket of the notebook. Make sure your name is written in ink on both the folder and the math packet.

2. **Show all of your work** for each even numbered problem. **Draw a box or a circle** around your final answer. Make an **answer column** on the right hand side of your notebook paper with your final answers to the assigned problems.

3. Your notebook will be graded for effort and will serve as a significant homework grade(s) for your math class for the first nine week grading period. There will be a grade deduction for incomplete work. After a week or two of reviewing the problems in the packet, a multiple choice assessment drawn directly from the assigned (even numbered) problems will be given. This assessment will serve as a test grade for the first nine week grading period.

4. Your summer math review packet is due on St. Luke's registration day, August 6, 2009, the same due date as your other Lions on the Loose assignments.

Should you have any questions regarding your math packet, please email Mrs. Oliver at [joliver@stlukeum.com](mailto:joliver@stlukeum.com), Mrs. Pound at [bpound@stlukeum.com](mailto:bpound@stlukeum.com), Mrs. Copeland at [tcopeland@stlukeum.com](mailto:tcopeland@stlukeum.com) or Ms. Britton at [bbritton@stlukeum.com](mailto:bbritton@stlukeum.com).

# 3. Required Summer Reading Logs



All St. Luke Middle School students are required to read and record the number of pages and time read on a Middle School Summer Reading Log. The reading log should also list the title of the book, the AR level, AR point value, and AR interest level. This information can be found at this website: [http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz\\_home.asp](http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp) If a book is not currently available on AR please leave this information blank.

Parents will initial ALL entries where indicated. Students should make notes or comments in the space provided to assist with discussion and testing.



## Rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders...

- **Should read and log at least 20 minutes per day or an average of 80 minutes per week or a total of at least 880 minutes for the entire summer.**
- **Reading Logs will be worth 100 points. Points will be deducted for missing information. Reading Logs are due at registration on Thursday, August 6, 2009.**

