

# SMA Summer Reading

  
SUMMER 2010

## Why Summer Reading is So Important

Research consistently shows that many students experience “summer setback” in which they lose ground in reading over the summer months. One way to combat this phenomenon is to encourage your child to read over the summer. For book suggestions, go to the SMA Library website for links to recommended reading lists. By no means do you need to read ONLY the books on these reading lists, but it is a good place to start.  
[www.stellamarisacademy.org](http://www.stellamarisacademy.org) > Students > Library > SMA Library Website > Reading Lists

## Required Reading for Grades 5 - 8

All students entering grades 5 – 8 have ONE required book to read over the summer. Students will need to bring the book to school in September.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*The Fighting Ground* by Avi

OR

*The Secret of Sarah Revere*  
by Ann Rinaldi

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*Crispin: the Cross of Lead* by Avi

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
by Mark Twain



*Students –  
Complete your summer  
reading list and you  
will be eligible to  
attend the ice cream  
social in September!*

### Parents –

*Visit your local public library with your children and make reading a family event. The pleasure of reading is contagious, so make reading aloud together a part of your family routine. Helping your child to enjoy reading is one of the most important things you can do as a parent and well worth your time and energy.*