



## VERMILION CATHOLIC *a legacy of Mount Carmel*

Dear Parents of Incoming 6th - 12th graders for the 2024-2025 school year,

Children acquire news skills throughout the school year, but they can lose ground if learning stops during the summer break. Fortunately, learning never has to stop. Children who read throughout the summer gain skills and develop a better understanding of language and the world around them.

Vermilion Catholic students entering grades 6-12 for the 2024-2025 school year **are required to read at least one AR book during the summer**. Please read the information below for specific details.

### **Summer Reading Requirements and Guidelines:**

- All students in these grade levels will be required to take an AR test on ONE book they read over the summer. They will take this test during their scheduled ELA class on **Tuesday, August 13th**. This AR test will be the first grade for their ELA class. Here are a few guidelines to help you help your child choose the right book this summer:
  - The book must be worth at least 4 AR points.
  - The book must be a reading level of 4.0 or higher.
  - To be sure your child's book selection meets these requirements, please visit [arbookfinder.com](http://arbookfinder.com)

Please note that students may **NOT** test on classroom novels including: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Call of the Wild*, *Night*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Boy in the Wooden Box*, *Great Gatsby*, *Far From the Madding Crowd*, *Hatchet*, *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*, *Restart*, *Macbeth* or *Fahrenheit 451*.

In an effort to help you make sure that your child has access to books, here are some helpful tips and resources:

- Allow your child to choose the books he or she reads. Studies have shown the benefits of choice in reading development. Expose your child to a wide variety of reading materials, but let him or her be the final decision-maker.
- **The VC lower school library will be open Thursday, July 25th from 10am-12pm and again on Tuesday, July 29th from 6pm-8pm.** VC students are encouraged to stop by and check out a book on this day if they had not already selected a book.

Have a wonderful summer filled with reading!

ELA and English Teachers & Nanette Cope, Librarian

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