

Parkway Christian Summer Reading

7th Grade 2026-2027



Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on the completion of another school year! The following is the 7th grade summer reading requirement for the summer of 2026. The purpose of summer reading is to enjoy literature as well as prevent students' reading and writing skills from regressing. Please encourage your students to enjoy reading this summer.

Students are required to read ***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt** and write a 2 paragraph response as explained on the following page. It is best to use [THIS](#) link, to purchase a physical copy of the book so that all students can be "on the same page," but it is not required. However, if you choose to use a book from the library, please **plan to have the book with you in class** for the first few weeks of school because we will be using the book.

In addition, students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes daily during the summer. Many times, students will make a lot of progress during the school year, but when they do not read daily over the summer, they often lose reading development...kids who do read tend to gain reading proficiency.

All returning students are required to complete the summer reading assignments regardless of date of re-enrollment.

If you have any questions please direct them to me at the following email address:
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I will check my email periodically throughout the summer.

Have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

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Write a 2 paragraph essay in which you analyze the theme of the novel.

Your essay must address the following:

Paragraph 1:

- Introduce the title and author of the novel
- A short overview of the setting and main conflict
- Theme Exploration: Identify at least one major theme and explain how it is developed throughout the story.

****Include one quote from the novel to support your theme exploration**

Paragraph 2:

- Personal connection: Reflect on how the novel affected you personally and what lessons could be taken away. Additionally, discuss how this novel connects to a story, lesson, or teaching from scripture.

Requirements

- Use evidence (quote) from the book to support your analysis. You should have one found in paragraph 1.
- You should have at least 4 sentences per paragraph.
- Use proper grammar, punctuation, and transitions between paragraphs.
- All work should be completely original.
- Essays should be handwritten on loose leaf paper with pencil or pen. Ensure you put your name and class on the top of the page.

Academic Integrity Statement: I have read the entire unabridged book *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt and have completed this project entirely by myself by hand without the use of the internet or any type of AI, other than what is specifically allowed (see Online Permission above).

By signing, you verify that the statement above is 100% true, and you understand that serious penalties including, but not limited to, a grade of zero, detention, and suspension may be assessed if it is found that a student has been dishonest or has cheated in any fashion.

Student Signature_____