

# Christian Life Academy

A Christ-centered School of Excellence  
Middle School Letter to Parents  
2019-2020 Academic Year

Dear Middle School Parents,

While summer is a time for your child to relax, enjoy family time and play with friends, it should also be a time to curl up with a good book or two . . . or three . . . or four . . . or more! During the summer, we expect our middle school students to read and enjoy good books.

## **REQUIRED BOOK REVIEW**

Middle school students at CLA are required to complete a book review on a book of their choice. This will be a graded writing assignment for Literature class due on the first day of school. It must be typed. Be sure to include the name of the book along with the author's name.

Questions to answer in the book review:

1. Where does the story take place? (Setting)
2. Who are the main characters? Describe them. (Characterization)
3. How did the main characters change throughout the story? Why did they make these changes?
4. Which character would you choose and why?
5. What is the problem in the story and how was it resolved? (Conflict/Resolution)
6. What is the climax of the story? (Climax)
7. How did the story end? (Resolution/Conclusion)
8. Did you have any questions about the story you wish the author had answered?
9. Do you wish the story had ended differently? If you were the author, how would you have written the ending?
10. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

*Guidelines for a well written book review are approximately 500 words, or two pages.*

If you are looking for summer reading suggestions, Justin Taylor's "A Classical Christian School's Reading List" provides a comprehensive list of Christian reviewed literature for middle and high school students. It includes links to in-depth reviews on all books.

Here is the link: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/bible-reading-plans-3/>

## ***Summer Bible Reading***

### **How DEEP can you Dive?**

In the past, our summer Bible reading has focused on one chapter of the Bible, with a writing assignment. We are doing something a little different this year!

Join us for a 25-day bible study using your bible app, YouVersion. If you haven't already, you can download this application for free for Apple and Android devices. Rather than writing a paper this summer, students will join together in a Google classroom to reflect and discuss on the study. We look forward to growing deeper together!

Guidelines for short discussions will be posted in the classroom.



Here is the link for DEEP: <http://bible.com/r/3Jm>

Here is the class code for the Small Group Classroom: 25c38m7

- Please register for class by June 14th. Class will begin June 16th and end around July 12th. Hope to see you there!

Please carefully Middle School Summer Reading suggestions. Enjoy your summer with your children and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Your co-laborers in educating to the glory of God,

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