

Summer 2009
Reading List - 8th Grade
(For Students Entering 8th Grade)

Students entering eighth grade are required to read the two books below and also complete the entire Summer Math Skills Sharpener and return it to school during the first week of school.

- A parent signature is required on the log form certifying that the student did their required reading. The log form is available on the website.
- Students will have a quiz on the two required books listed below. This quiz will be given the first month of school. Quiz scores will be averaged in as part of each student's first quarter grade.
- The math workbook must be turned in to the math teacher and a quiz will be given over a sampling of problems from this book.
- In June a reading guide will be posted on the Christ the King website that will help students remember key facts and themes in *Whirligig* by Sid Fleischman. Completing this guide is optional, but will help the student in discussions about the book in the fall. All students need to bring a copy of the book to school in August.

THE TWO REQUIRED BOOKS ARE:

Whirligig by Paul Fleischman
Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith

You may find this information on the school website: www.christking.org

Other suggestions for optional summer reading:

<i>The Dark is Rising</i> (trilogy)	Susan Cooper	<i>Morning is a Long</i> <i>Time Coming</i>	Bette Greene
<i>Flipped</i>	Wendelin Van Draanen	<i>Never Cry Wolf</i>	Farley Mowat
<i>Gathering Blue</i>	Lois Lowry	<i>Rumble Fish</i>	S. E. Hinton
<i>Jurassic Park</i>	Michael Crichton		
<i>Lord of the Rings</i> (trilogy)	J. R. R. Tolkien		

**OR A BIOGRAPHY OF YOUR CHOICE;
OR AN AGE APPROPRIATE BOOK FROM THE GEORGIA BOOK
AWARD NOMINEES OR THE NEWBERY AWARD WINNERS LISTS.**