



Students are required to read one book and to write an essay over the summer. Summer reading is assigned by grade level (see below). For the essay, each student needs to follow the directions outlined below. Any questions you have regarding summer reading and the required essay should be directed to Mrs. Marsh/ MS Principal at [stephanie.marsh@ntaeagles.org](mailto:stephanie.marsh@ntaeagles.org). Have a blessed summer.

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

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

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

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

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

White Fang by Jack London

### **SUMMER READING ESSAY RUBRIC —**

*Students are required to write an analytical essay that puts forth a clear and persuasive argument/claim (or thesis) addressing **ONE of the prompts below**. 6<sup>th</sup> grade student essays need to be 1-2 pages long; 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade essays need to be 2-3 pages long (double-spaced). Make sure the essay incorporates your own interpretation and be sure to cite specific examples from the text to support your argument.*

- 1) Discuss a major theme or symbol that you see throughout the novel. What is the significance of the symbol? How does the author develop the theme to make a larger point?*
- 2) Evaluate the tone and bias of the author's voice. What lens are you seeing the story through? How is the narration shaped in order for the author to convey/emphasize a point?*
- 3) Analyze the agenda and message of the author. What is it that the author wants the reader to walk away with? Why might the author have decided to tell the story that he/she did?*
- 4) Create a critical response with a focus of your own choosing.*