

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL
SUMMER READING PROGRAM-- 2008**

The following books are required reading during the summer.

Incoming 5th grade: Johnny Tremain, by Esther Forbes

Incoming 6th grade: Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen

Incoming 7th grade: Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan

Incoming 8th grade: Red Badge of Courage, by Stephen Crane

Using complete sentences, students should type (double spaced, size 12 font) the answers to the discussion questions provided. This assignment should be submitted by the end of the first full week of classes, August 29, 2008. There will also be a short quiz, given at some point during the early part of the year.

Your child must also read two others books of his/her choice. Please list the books and authors below. Note: Parents should decide whether or not the reading level and content are appropriate.

Book #1 Title: _____

 Author: _____

Book #2 Title: _____

 Author: _____

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Type your answers in complete sentences. Attach this sheet to your answers.

Chapters 1-3

1. What did they mean when they said there was a river between Esperanza and Miguel?
2. What are *los dedos*?
3. Why didn't Esperanza want to open up her birthday presents?
4. What did Esperanza's uncle want after the will was read?
5. Why is Esperanza waiting for the harvest to be over?

Chapters 4-6

6. What did Esperanza's mother try to get her to understand?
7. Who was helping them to escape?
8. What did it mean if the signs were down in one of the fields?
9. What was Miguel's reward for keeping Esperanza safe the day the bandits came to the ranch?
10. What did Esperanza and her mother see that made them so sad?

Chapters 7-9

11. What upset Esperanza so much at the end of the first day in the work camp?
12. What is Esperanza's job?
13. What did Esperanza give to the babies to make them feel better?
14. How sick is Esperanza's mother?
15. Why did Esperanza and her mother have to live with Alfonso and his family?

Chapters 10-12

16. What and why did Esperanza buy in the store?
17. Why did Esperanza not want her mother to go into the hospital?
18. What did Marta warn them about?
19. Why did they leave two eyes in the potatoes?
20. What happened when Miguel and Esperanza went to visit her mother after the grape tying season was over?

Chapters 13-14

21. What did Miguel bring to Esperanza?
22. Why did Miguel go back to digging ditches?
23. What is Esperanza's favorite fruit?
24. What fruits did the women have to pack that day?
25. Why did Alfonso show up at the work shed during the middle of the day?