



# OUR LADY *of* ANGELS

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Junior High Parents & Students,

One of the best ways to avoid the dreaded “summer slide” is to keep minds engaged. While I realize families will be busy having fun this summer, I also know there will be “down time” in the activity be it due to rainy days or travel time etc. Those times are some of the best times for students to practice their comprehension and reading skills!

This year, as in the past, **students entering the junior high (6th - 8th grades)** at OLA in the 2026 - 2027 school year have **a required summer reading assignment to complete before** returning to school on **Monday, Aug. 31st, 2026.**

The **REQUIRED** summer reading assignments are as follows:

**6th graders** are required to read **Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick

**7th graders** are required to read **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park

**8th graders** are required to read **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds

You can obtain these books for your student to read in several ways.

1. You can loan the book from the local branch of your public library.
2. You can order/purchase the book online from Amazon.
3. You can stop by the school between 8am - 12pm until June 26th and borrow a copy of the book your student needs from the school.
4. Your student can access the PDF version of the book on the bottom of the school's website.

Along with the reading, **students in 6th - 8th grades are required to complete a creative project.** Students must choose **one of the six project options** to complete prior to their first day of school, according to the staggered start dates. Upon returning to school, **each student will present their project and a test will be given.** This project and test will be the first two grades for Reading/ELA in the first quarter.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [kstary@olangels.org](mailto:kstary@olangels.org) or via phone at (216)251-6841.

Yours in Christ,  
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