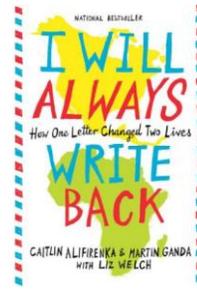


Saint Francis Xavier School

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment



Greetings!

As 8th graders, you will all be expected to read voraciously (look that word up!). Get started over the summer! There will be three levels of choice for your summer reading. You will read one book from each level:

1. **Required:** *I Will Always Write Back*, by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda
2. **Curated Choice (pick one):**
 - a. *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak
 - b. *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain*, by John Boyne
 - c. *The Bitter Side of Sweet*, by Tara Sullivan
 - d. *Ghost Boys*, by Jewell Parker Rhodes
 - e. *Long Way Down*, by Jason Reynolds
 - f. *The Line Tender*, by Kate Allen
 - g. *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
 - h. *The Librarian of Auschwitz*, by Antonio Iturbe
3. ***Approved* Unlimited Choice:** this should be an age-appropriate book approved by Mrs. Bowman, either verbally, or through email (abowman@sfxschoolwey.org). You may, if you choose, select a second book from the curated choice list to fulfill this level. You may also use my GoodReads account for inspiration. The TTL and BER lists are from my book conferences: <https://www.goodreads.com/mrsbowmanreads>

That is a **total of three books to be read**, but more than three is even better!

Since *I Will Always Write Back* is **required** for everyone to read, the largest assignment will be an essay on this book and its message. You can also expect a quiz and/or class discussion, so be prepared!

You will have assignments on the **Curated Choice** reading books, too. Be prepared to discuss, write about, and visually present the important themes and ideas in the book, as well as work together in groups.

You will complete a book review for your **Unlimited Choice** book. Think about what a book review would include: comments on characters, setting, and plot- but no spoilers!

For extra credit, read all 8 Curated Choice books!