



2023 STCS SUMMER READING Incoming Fourth Graders

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Dear Incoming Fourth Graders and Families,

Welcome to Summer! As part of the preparation for fourth grade in August, you will be reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Over the course of the Summer, students must complete the following:

- ❖ Read the novel and complete the chapter assignments in the literature guide given to you.
 - **The completed literature guide is due on the first day of school, August 14. All questions are to be completed with proper grammar (complete sentences, proper punctuation, correct spelling) for a TEST grade upon your return.**
- ❖ Be prepared to discuss the main themes of the book, answer questions, and work on literature circle activities.
- ❖ Memorize the required poem, *Ozymandias*, and any of the optional extra credit poems.
 - **Ozymandias will be recited in its entirety on the first day of school for a grade.**
 - Each extra credit poem will be recited and graded separately on the first day of school. Students may memorize and recite up to two extra poems and receive two separate Reading grades. There will be no chance to recite poems later than the first day, so students must prepare beforehand.
 - Memorizing extra poems will not improve the score of the *Ozymandias* recitation but will affect the overall Reading grade.

Extra credit is unusual in the 4th grade classroom, and students should not expect to receive many more opportunities for extra credit. Please take advantage of this chance.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe was one of my favorite books as a boy, and I hope everyone enjoys reading it as I did. In the meantime, have a splendid and safe summer! If you ever have questions or need assistance with the material, please contact me at jdietz@sttheresacatholicschool.org

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam,
James Dietz