



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023 STCS SUMMER READING Incoming Sixth Graders

May 22, 2023

Dear Incoming Sixth Graders and Families,

For summer reading, you are to read *Nacar: The White Deer* by Elizabeth Borton de Treviño and complete the required assignments. Your annotations (notes) will count for one Literature grade. Your Reflection Paper will count for one writing grade. **The annotations and Reflection Paper are due the first day of school, August 14.**

FIRST: Annotations

For each **page**, do the following:

- ① **Write notes in the margins.** On each page, you should note your thoughts about what is happening, or you may write a question that you would imagine asking someone else, like a quiz question.
- ② **Write out the definition of one word** that you previously have not encountered. Make sure that the definition matches the word's context in the book. If you already know all the words on the page, then pick a word that you think someone might not know. Do not pick weak words to avoid the difficult words. You do not have to use the exact dictionary definition; just briefly write how you would explain the word to another student. Example:

obnoxious — *adj* — annoying.

to **scamper** — *verb* — to crawl or run quickly in fear or excitement.

- ③ **Circle proper nouns that you do not know.** For example, the first time you read the proper noun *Veracruz*, you circle it just that one time.

An example of annotated pages is attached.

SECOND: A Reflection Paper

You are to write a minimum 200-word reflection on this idea: The main character, Lalo, has a difficulty in his life and yet this difficulty is, in the end, a grace and a blessing to him. Describe Lalo's virtues and the virtuous way in which he deals with his difficulties. Describe also how you would plan to acquire those virtues for yourself.

You should:

- Use blue pen
- Use your best cursive writing. Handwriting that is not a real best-attempt will be re-done.
- Skip lines

If you have any questions, please contact me: bgeorge@sttheresacatholicschool.org.

Don't procrastinate, do your best, and I will see you next year!

God bless.
Mr. George