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2023 STCS SUMMER READING Incoming Seventh Graders

Dear Incoming Seventh Graders and Families,

As part of your preparation for coming into Seventh Grade in August, you are required to read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell. The annotations and paragraph are due the first day of school, Monday, August 14. The annotations will count for a Literature and a Reading Grade. The paragraph will count for a Writing grade.

1. **Annotate as you read.** Aim for at least some annotation (a note, comment, question) every two pages.

Things to include in your annotations:

- a. Notes in the margins or post-it notes throughout the book, noting:
 - i. Key moments in the plot (dilemmas, points of change)
 - ii. Questions you may have
 - b. Characters
 - i. Details about their physical characteristics
 - ii. Details about their moral characteristics
 - c. Interesting words and definitions (at least three per chapter)
 - i. Locate new or interesting words in the text
 - ii. Look up those words in the dictionary
 - d. Other interesting details
2. **Cause and effect:** Choose a significant event from *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. **On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph that answers the following questions about that event:**
 - a. What happened?
 - b. When did it happen? Where did it happen?
 - c. Who was there?
 - d. Why did it happen?
 - e. What future events did that significant event cause to happen?

Your paragraph should be double-spaced and written in blue pen and cursive.

Do your best and don't procrastinate!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rice at frice@sttheresacatholicschool.org

God bless you. We look forward to seeing you in August!