



Blessed Sacrament School Summer Reading for Rising 5th Graders 2017

We encourage all middle school students to read throughout the summer to enhance reading enjoyment while increasing reading proficiency. To support these goals, 5th grade students will need to read **two** required book.

- 1) 5th graders will read and complete an assignment for: **The Candymakers** by Wendy Mass
- 2) 5th graders will read **Shipwreck of the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance** by Jennifer Armstrong
- 3) The assignments will be due on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 23, 2017
Teachers will follow up with additional meaningful discussions and assignments in class once school resumes, and this may include a quiz on the material.

1st Book: **The Candymakers** by Wendy Mass

In the town of Spring Haven, four children have been selected to compete in the national candymaking contest of a lifetime. Who will make a candy more delicious than the Oozing Crunchorama or the Neon Yellow Lightning Chew? Is it Logan, the candymaker's son, who can detect the color of chocolate by feel alone? Is it Miles, the boy allergic to rowboats and the color pink? Is it Daisy, the cheerful girl who can lift a fifty-pound lump of taffy as if it were a feather? Is it Philip, the suit-and-tie-wearing boy who's always scribbling in a secret notebook?

2nd Book: - **Shipwreck of the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance** by Jennifer Armstrong

In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and 27 men sailed from England in an attempt to become the first team of explorers to cross Antarctica from one side to the other. Five months later and still 100 miles from land, their ship, Endurance, became trapped in ice. The expedition survived another five months camping on ice floes, followed by a perilous journey through stormy seas to remote and unvisited Elephant Island. In a dramatic climax to this amazing survival story, Shackleton and five others navigated 800 miles of treacherous open-ocean in a 20-foot boat to fetch a rescue ship.

The Candymakers Assignments are due on Wednesday, August 23, 2017

First Assignment:

You have just invented a new candy. Videotape a TV commercial for your brand new candy. You will bring in the candy on Wednesday, August 23.

The video should tell about:

1. Name of candy
2. Ingredients
3. Why would someone buy it

The commercial should be one to two minutes long. Be creative!

The assignment for **Shipwreck of the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance** will be a STREAM activity that will be completed during the first week of school.