

Summer Reading for Current 6th/Rising 7th Graders

All students: *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare

- This is the story of a Jewish boy, Daniel, growing up in Galilee during the time of Christ. He saw the Romans kill his father, and as a result, his hatred for the Romans who rule over him and his people almost consumes him. Through overwhelming struggles and an encounter with Jesus, Daniel is forced to choose between hatred and love.

Honors students: *The City of Ember* by Jeanne Duprau (in addition to *The Bronze Bow*)

- In Ember there is light, but at the edge of the city is darkness in all directions for as far as the eye can see. The people of Ember believe that their city is the only light in a completely dark world, but their light is beginning to flicker and fail. Ultimately, it will go out for good. What will happen to the people then? Lina Mayfleet and Doon Harrow are not content to sit around, helplessly waiting to find out; they want answers to the mystery of the City of Ember.

You need to write a 3-5 sentence summary on a lined 4 x 6 note card for each chapter that you read. There will also be a reading quiz over your book(s) within the first week of school (date TBA). You may use your note cards to help you review the content of the book for the quiz, and the cards will be collected for a grade the day you take the quiz. (Since honors students are reading 2 books, they will need to turn in note cards for both books.)