

St. Michael Junior Great Books Program Student Contract Grades 1-8

Date: _____

Not only will the students be experiencing some rich literature through the Junior Great Books program, but they will also be growing as individuals in a variety of skills—being a listener, being a discussant, being a critical thinker, and being a teammate. As a member of a reading team, each student has an obligation to do his or her part to create a productive and fun environment. We are asking each student and parent to sign this contract as a reminder of his or her commitment.

Please check the boxes.

I want to be a valuable member of my team when I attend Junior Great Books sessions.

- I recognize that I have received my textbook for the program.
- I will read, or listen, or follow along with, each story two times before my Junior Great Books session. I know that it is okay for my parents to help me with that.
- I will try to mark my book when reading the story so that I can remember parts of the story I really liked, parts of the story that really surprised me, or parts of the story that I would like to understand better. In other words, when I see something curious, intriguing, or confusing, I will try to make notes in my book.
- I will write a Sharing Question to bring to our team meetings. My Sharing Question will be a question I write that asks something I want to know more about as a result of reading the story.
- I know that when others are speaking I want to make sure that I am a good listener because that shows my teammates that I trust them and value their input.

Student Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

Students should bring this signed copy on the day of their first session.