



7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Dear 7th grade parents,

Summer is here and I hope everyone is safe and healthy. The summer is a time for all of us to “recharge” our batteries. It is also a great time to immerse yourself in a good book! We need to continue to foster their love of reading. Reading encourages students to maintain skills learned during the year and to continue learning. It also allows our children the freedom to choose books that speak to their interests.

Students are required to read three(3) books from the categories below. Choose one book from each category(Fiction, Fantasy, Historical Fiction/Non Fiction). There is an assignment for each book. All assignments will be graded and counted as a project grade. In addition, these books will be counted toward your New York State reading requirement of 20 books.

Category 1 (Fiction)

The Call of the Wild, Jack London

The Chosen, Chaim Potok

Masterminds, Gordon Korman

The Red Pony, John Steinbeck

Million Dollar Throw, Mike Lupica

Among the Hidden, Margaret Haddix

Fish in a Tree, Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Assignment for Category 1: Book Review

Include:

- A. Plot- What happens in the book? Give a brief summary of what the book is about without giving away the ending.
- B. Setting- Time and place. Include whether or not the book was set in the past, present or future. How much does the author draw you into the setting and how does he/she accomplish that?
- C. Theme- What is the book about at its heart? This is not the plot, but rather the ideas behind the story. Is it about good over evil? Is it about friendship or hope?
- D. Characters- Include the following: Who are the main characters? Who is the protagonist and the antagonist? What makes them interesting? What are some of the conflicts they face? Are they likeable? Who was your favorite character and why?
- E. Opinion- What do you really think? If you enjoyed it, explain why. If you did not, also explain your reasons.

Category 2 (Fantasy/Science Fiction)

Holes, Louis Sachar

A Swiftly Tilting Planet, Madeleine L' Engle

The Magician's Nephew, C.S. Lewis

The Maze Runner, James Dashner

Above World, Jenn Reese

Assignment for Category 2 : The Graphic Model

Include:

- A. You will draw 3 scenes from a selected part of the book; perhaps a scene that represents the beginning, middle and end. The setting of the story can be very revealing, so that should be depicted in great detail.
- B. Below each scene, give a brief explanation of what you have depicted in great detail. Create a book jacket, with illustrations, an enticing synopsis, author bio(very short) and your brief review on the back of your book jacket.

Category #3 (Historical Fiction/Nonfiction)

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt

Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes

Diary of Anne Frank, Anne Frank

Nelson Mandela, Kadir Nelson

Assignment for Category 3: Letter to Author and Creative Design

Include:

- A. Create a book jacket- different from the original.
- B. Write a letter to the author- state why you enjoyed the book or why you did not enjoy it. Provide examples/details from the book to support your statements.

Have fun reading and enjoy your summer! To learn more about these books, goodreads.com or commonsensemedia.org.

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**Respectfully,
Mr. Delwey**

