

2024 Summer Reading Grade 8

Ms. Gue

Overview:

Through recent years, the advances in technology have lured our students away from the simple pleasure of reading. With one click the world seems to be at their fingertips, and gratification is instantaneous. Reading a book, however, requires time and focus and its rewards are not immediate. Reading comprehension skills are built up over the years and greatly affect the student's progress through all grade levels and subject areas. Additionally, reading is the best way to increase one's vocabulary. For these reasons, we ask that our students do some reading over the summer months by requiring 2 books to be read.

Required Reading:

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen (*see parent verification form)

& one of the following:

Number the Stars - Lois Lowry

Prisoner B - 3087 - Alan Gratz

Graphic Novels:

Maus - Art Spiegelman

Anne Frank's Diary/The Graphic Adaptation - Ari Folman

(Cont'd)

I Survived the Nazi Invasion 1944 - Lauren Tarshis

Assessment:

Through these two readings, students will learn some basic facts about the time period known as the Holocaust.

Students are required to list 10 facts they learned about the atrocities of the Holocaust and identify the book including page numbers from which they gained this information.

This assignment is to be typed and turned in the first week of school. We will also be discussing and completing various activities/ assessments related to the books upon our return to school. Students will be expected to participate in any/ all of these, therefore, it is highly recommended that the students have the books in hand for the first week of school. A Parent Verification Form which must be completed and returned is attached.

SUMMER READING PARENT VERIFICATION FORM
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My child _____ has completed the required reading of The Devil's Arithmetic and one of the other novels listed. My student will submit the required written assignment as requested in a timely manner. I also understand that ELA classes for the first week(s) of school will focus on summer reading and that my student will be expected to participate in any/ all assessments and activities.

My student has read _____ as the second book.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Happy reading!
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