

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING

Welcome to 8th grade! We look forward to meeting each of you in September.

Over the summer, we expect all incoming 8th graders to read at least one book to help us kick off the year in Language Arts. When you come to class on the first day of school, you should have finished reading your chosen book and completed the questions that follow.

BOOK REQUIREMENTS:

- The book should not be a book you have read before this summer.
- The book should not be a book in the Edina curriculum or one that you will read in 8th grade: *The Call of the Wild*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, *Flowers for Algernon*, *The Other Side of Truth*, *Tomorrow When the War Began*, *The War Between the Classes*, or *Monster*.

Look for a book that interests you, so that you enjoy your summer reading selection. Your book may be fiction or nonfiction. You may choose a book that has been made into a movie, but you still need to read the entire book. For this assignment, there is no page requirement, but you should try to choose a book that will challenge you. Give yourself enough time to change your mind about a book, so that you can find a new one if it ends up being wrong for you.

Stop by and talk to Ms. Heller in the Media Center for book ideas, or check out the following websites for recommended titles:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/> and <http://www.hclib.org/teens/read.cfm>.

See you in September!

Ms. Bademan and Ms. Bailey
Language Arts 8th grade

AFTER READING YOUR CHOSEN BOOK:

Please answer the following questions in 1-3 complete sentences each.

1. Please list the title and author of your chosen book:

2. In general, how do you feel about reading?

3. How did you decide to read this book? Explain why you chose this book.

4. If you had to guess, how long do you think you spent reading the book? On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being highest, rate how much you enjoyed reading your book? Explain your rating.

5. To whom would you recommend your book? In other words, what type of reader would like your book? Explain why you think so.

6. How many books, besides this one, did you read this summer? Did you read any other type of text over the summer (magazines, newspapers, online articles)? Please list them below.

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