

Summer Reading Projects 2009-2010
Incoming MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-7-8)



Every student is required to read 3 books over the summer. Books are available to purchase at Barnes and Noble and other local bookstores and are also available to borrow for FREE from public libraries! ☺

TWO books are specific, assigned titles (see below), and the THIRD book is self selected.

The assigned titles are as follows:

Grade 6 ~ “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” by C. S Lewis **OR**
“The Young Time Travelers Gift” by Andy Andrews
AND “Punished!” by David Lubar

Grade 7 ~ “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” by C. S Lewis **OR**
“The Young Time Travelers Gift” by Andy Andrews
AND “A Long Way From Chicago” by Richard Peck

Grade 8 ~ “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” by C. S Lewis **OR**
“The Young Time Travelers Gift” by Andy Andrews
AND “Victory” by Susan Cooper

EACH STUDENT READS THREE BOOKS – one self chosen and two assigned (see above for assigned titles per grade)

2 Required Books

The students will be responsible for the content in both books. They should expect to demonstrate this knowledge through various writing projects or comprehension activities upon returning to school.

Student Selection (1 book) COMPLETE ONE PROJECT

The students must complete one of the following projects for the book they selected. The students will be assessed on their demonstration of strong content knowledge reflected in the assignment and not just creative design. Bring the completed project on the first day of school. Points will be deducted for each day the assignment is overdue. This assignment will be graded and given the weight of one reading test in the first marking period.

Bring the project on the first day of school –August 31st

NOTE: For the self-selected book, each student is expected to choose a grade-appropriate book. We will ask that you do not choose a book that has themes that would not be appropriate for school (i.e. violent books, books about witchcraft/sorcery – example: Harry Potter books). We would encourage choosing books that promote Christian values.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT CHOICES:

- **Advertisement poster or brochure to attract others to read the book**
OR
- **Cartoon strip that summarizes the events of the book**
OR
- **Newspaper front page with 4 articles, each telling one part of the story reflecting different sections of the paper (want ads, job listings, cover story, arts and entertainment, international/local news**
OR
- **A Powerpoint to show character development throughout the novel**

We have a grading rubric **attached** that describe the criteria for grading the project, which is due on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** (August 31st).

*10 points per day are automatically deducted for late projects!
Start the year off right! ☺*

HAPPY READING!

Project Content Requirements

Please reference the “content” part of the project rubric for point values.

Depending on which project you choose, please read the specifics below carefully to know what to do for each project!!

Advertisement

- Your own review explaining why you liked the book
- Specific examples from the book
- Graphics to attract the target audience
- Font and graphics should reflect the advertising tone
- Text must be easy to read

Cartoon Strip

- Minimum of eight frames
- Shows storyline in sequential order
- Must include dialogue with multiple characters
- The scenery must represent the setting in the book
- Text must be easy to read

Newspaper Article

- Minimum of four articles
- Articles must represent four different sections of the paper (want ads, headline story, movie reviews, etc.)
- Articles must represent different parts or characters of the book
- Must include graphics
- Text must be easy to read

PowerPoint

- Minimum of eight slides
- The slides must include a balance of graphics and text
- The content in the presentation must reflect the development of a main character
- Slides must include detailed examples and quotes from the text
- Font choice must be easy to read