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SUMMER ELA WORK

MRS. MITCHELL

Please read at least ONE of these books over the summer and complete the summer reading assignment (below). The summer reading assignment is due on the first day of school.

6th GRADE NOVEL LIST

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Homer Price by Robert McCloskey

Snow Dog by Jim Kjelgaard

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories by Richard Peck

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

7TH GRADE NOVEL LIST

Farm Boy by Michael Morpurgo

The Land by Mildred Taylor

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

M.C. Higgins the Great by Virginia Hamilton

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Found by Margaret Haddix

Daddy Long Legs by Jean Webster

Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Messenger by Lois Lowry

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Snider

8th GRADE NOVEL LIST

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Max the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (Sequel to *Freak the Mighty*)

The Star Fisher by Laurence Yep

The Everlasting Hills by Irene Hunt

A Wind in the Door by Madeleine L'Engle (sequel to *A Wrinkle in Time*)

The Story of My Life by Helen Keller

War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

REQUIRED
Summer Reading Assignment

Name _____ Book Title: _____

1. Name the Protagonist. _____

2. Name the Antagonist. _____

3. Explain a belief that the protagonist has about life.

4. Cite evidence from the novel to prove this belief.

5. Summarize the beginning of this novel.

6. Summarize the middle of this novel.

7. Summarize the end of this novel.

8. List the major character(s) in the novel.

9. For every major character listed, explain how he or she emotionally changed by the end of the novel.

10. List three minor characters in the novel.

11. For every minor character listed, explain how he or she contributed to the novel as a whole.

12. Describe the theme of your novel.

13. Cite evidence from the novel to prove the theme.

14. What other book have you read that has a similar theme?

OPTIONAL

The following assignments are optional, but they will help you stay sharp over the summer!

Vocabulary

- www.vocabularyworkshop.com
 - 6th grade? Choose LEVEL A
 - 7th grade? Choose LEVEL B
 - 8th grade? Choose LEVEL C
- Mad Libs (There is a free app available)! Play with your whole family!
- Word games—Scrabble, Boggle

Additional Reading

- Readworks.com
 - Go to www.readworks.org/student
 - Sign in with your google account
 - My class code is as follows: FG7XBB
 - Choose from several articles (please note the recommended grade level)
 - Read the article, answer corresponding questions, review vocabulary
- Read magazine articles that suit your interests

Writing Activities

- Create a new game by writing your own instructions. Then make a game board to go with it and play it with your friends.
- Write a letter to a friend or relative
- Write poetry using imagery. What do you see, hear, smell, touch, taste?
- Interview a family member. Write your questions out beforehand.
- Write a news article and videotape yourself delivering the news as a reporter.
- Write a comic book with your own illustrations.

Grammar & Spelling

- Khan Academy
- grammarmonster.com
- IXL
- academy.act.org/summer-slide/ (choose grade level)
- Spelling City

Speaking and Listening

- Board games with your family/friends (Speaking, listening, & interacting—using language skills!)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!