



RIISING 8TH GRADERS REQUIRED SUMMER READING 2019

Summer reading is essential to maintaining your reading skills. It is my hope that you will find the books listed below fun to read. Enjoy!

1. All incoming eighth graders are required to read ONE novel from the list below.

- The Contender by Robert Lipsyte
- Nothing But the Truth by Avi
- Girl in a Cage by Janet Yolen
- Rocket Boys by Homer H. Hickam, Jr.
- Hush by Jacqueline Woodson
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
- The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
- Things not seen by Andrew Clements
- Out of Mind by Sharon Draper
- RIP Eliza Hart by Alyssa Scheinmel
- Peak by Roland Smith

After reading the book, design a newsletter for your book. You may use a computer template to do so. In your newsletter, you MUST include the following:

- Give your newsletter a catchy title.
- Include an article in which you tell what happens during the climax of the book. Remember that the climax is the point of highest tension or the turning point of the book, and it is usually found in the last few chapters of the book.
- Include a small picture of the event described in your article. You may draw the picture yourself, use a computer to generate it, or cut it out of a magazine.
- Include an article which identifies THREE personality traits (adjectives) that describe the personality of one of the main characters. Identify what he or she says or does in the book that show that he has these traits.
- Include a picture of the character. You may draw the picture yourself, use a computer to generate it, or cut it out of a magazine.
- Include an advertisement that has some meaningful connections to the book. For example, for *The Outsiders*, you could have an advertisement for a Ford Mustang.

2. All incoming eighth graders are also required to read AT LEAST two more books of their choice. This book can be nonfiction or fiction. After you are finished reading, answer the attached questions for each book.

3. Eighth grade students are required to have the paperback edition of the novel To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. We will be reading this novel after Christmas this year. They ARE NOT expected to read To Kill a Mockingbird over the summer.

This will be your first graded assignment in 8th grade, so put in your best effort! During the first weeks of school, we will share the newsletters and display them in the hall. **HAPPY READING!**

Radiant Reader Review

Reviewer's Name _____

Title of the Book _____

Author of the Book _____

Challenge Level of book (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5

Summary of Book (3-5 sentences):

Description of the Main Character (fiction)/Topic of Book (nonfiction):

WAIT! THERE'S MORE...

Describe the setting of the whole book (time and place):

I chose this book because:

My favorite part of this book was:

I (would, would not) recommend this book because: