

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2019

### READING PLUS:

For returning STM middle school students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade into 7<sup>th</sup> grade, you are required to do a minimum of one Reading Plus lesson once a week. This will consist of one Read Around and one See Reader. This will be for a grade based on both completion of lessons and comprehension percentage. We have seen much success from those students who do the lessons consistently. Incoming new students to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, you will be introduced to this program in the fall.

### SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

All those who are entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2019/20 school year are required to read two (2) books over the summer break – one fiction and one nonfiction. You will be required to keep a composition notebook in which you write down notes about the novels. Your notes for the fictional novel should focus on the literary elements of characters, setting, theme, and major plot events. Your notes for the nonfiction book should focus on the type of nonfiction (biography, autobiography, etc.), the author's purpose, and the audience for whom it is intended. Also, create a list of any vocabulary words that are new to you. This will be handed in during the first week we return to school.

Create a poster for one of your books to share with your classmates when we reconvene in the fall. BE CREATIVE!! Your poster should include (somehow, someway) the following information: title, author, characters, setting, conflict, and theme and, if you choose the nonfiction book, author's purpose and intended audience. This will be due the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school. Your oral presentation of your poster will be to either SELL the book or SLAM the book.

### WHY READ DURING THE SUMMER?

Now, I have to admit, I have always been an avid reader. My sister and I even belonged to a book club when we were younger – I couldn't wait for that monthly book to arrive in the mail. So, when we moved to Louisiana it was no heartbreak for me when we had to read a list of books over the summer for our new school.

I discovered some of my favorite authors through that program (Leon Uris) and read books that I never would have picked up on my own (*Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier) but ended up loving the story.

That is what summer reading is about. You should be open-minded enough to try new books and authors. Don't be afraid to try an old book (the classics) and be daring enough to discover a new book (a classic for the future?). You, too, may become an avid reader.

### BOOK IDEAS:

Check out these websites for some great book titles to choose from:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal> (Newbery Award winners)

<http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus> (non-fiction books)

[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/1606.Top\\_100\\_Middle\\_School\\_Must\\_Reads](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/1606.Top_100_Middle_School_Must_Reads)

If you need to communicate with me over the summer, my school email address is [svickers@rccss.org](mailto:svickers@rccss.org).

Have a great summer and we will see you in August!

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