

7th Grade Summer Reading

Over the summer, all students rising into 7th grade are required to read at least two books. For the most part, just enjoy the reading! That's what is most important.

BOOK #1: Book Club Book

The entire class will read The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin. During and after reading, take some brief notes on index cards. These cards will be your own personal notes to help you remember the story. The cards will be due the first day of school. Book discussions and projects will be assigned when school begins. See attached sheet for more details.

BOOK #2: Choice Book

Choose one book from the attached list, and write a friendly letter to your teacher, indicating that you have read the book. This letter will be due on the first day of school. See attached sheet for more details.

7th Grade Book Club Book

RATIONALE: The entire class will read the Book Club Book over the summer and discuss the novel when we return to school.

BOOK: The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

ASSIGNMENT: Create an index card for each of the literary elements below. Each card for the book should include:

- * Title and author
- * Genre - type of book (for example: mystery, historical fiction, fantasy, realistic fiction, adventure, etc.)
- * Who - main characters
- * What - short summary of the story
- * When - time period of the story
- * Where - setting of the story
- * Theme or Lesson Learned from the story
- * Your personal rating of the book, from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, plus your reasons for the rating.

DUE DATE: First Day of School- August 13th!

GRADING: This completion of the note cards will count as one Literature homework grade (50 points). Students will be graded on literary analysis and their ability to follow the directions above.

7th Grade Choice Book

RATIONALE: In 7th grade, our literary focus will be GENRE. Genre is a category of literature characterized by style, form, and content. This year we will read stories and novels from a variety of genres, including biography/autobiography, poetry, fantasy, mythology, fiction, and non-fiction.

BOOK: Students must choose one novel that is at a 6th grade reading level or higher and falls under one of the following genres:

- Biography/Autobiography
- Fantasy
- Mystery
- Non-Fiction

If your student needs help finding a book, there are exhaustive lists of grade-appropriate novels on the Internet and at your public library. Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Willson at Louisa.willson@ctk.org.

ASSIGNMENT: Enjoy your book! When you are finished reading, write a friendly letter to your teacher, indicating that you have read the book. This letter will be due on the first day of school. It may be typed or handwritten, but handwriting should be neat and legible. The letter should reflect the student's best effort.

Your one-page letter should include the following:

* 1st paragraph: A short introduction, including your name, a few facts about yourself, and the date you completed the book.

* 2nd paragraph: The title and author of the book, the GENRE your book falls under, a description of one or two of the main characters, the setting, and a summary of the story.

* 3rd paragraph: State the theme or lesson you learned from the book. Also give your personal rating of the book, from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, plus your reasons for the rating.

DUE DATE: First Day of School- August 13th!

GRADING: This assignment will count as one Literature quiz grade (100 points). Students will be graded on literary analysis and their ability to follow the directions above.