

Summer Reading Activities

June 2010

Dear Summer Readers,

Attached are 4 summer reading assignments and an activity sheet. Please read the directions carefully on each page. I have assigned 3 books and you get to choose a fourth. Please bring a copy of your literature circle book with you on the first day of school. It is not necessary to purchase these books – I encourage you to use your local library. Be creative, have fun, and enjoy reading!

Don't forget – summer reading assignments are your own work and everything is due on the first day of school. Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

- Ms. Courtney

Summer Reading Assignments!

1. Read *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead. This will be your literature circle (a.k.a. “book club”) book. As you read the book I’d like you to keep a journal. (See instructions below)
2. Read *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. Please keep a journal for this book as well.
3. Read *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card. Construct a diorama (a scene in a box) of your favorite part of the book. Please be prepared to present your diorama to the rest of the class.
3. Choose a biography or play to read. Your local library will have a reading list that you can look at for ideas. Enjoy reading it!

Summer Reading Journal Instructions

Here is what I would like to see in your journal:

1. Before you read the book, look at the picture on the cover. Predict what you think the book will be about based on the cover illustration.
2. Begin to read and keep some notes. Here are some ideas to think about:
Character(s): Who are the main characters?
Setting: Where does the story take place?
When does the story take place? (Past? Present? Future?)
3. Could the events in this story actually happen or is the story a fantasy?
4. Is the main character someone you would enjoy being friends with?
Why or why not?
5. Did you like the book and would you recommend it to your friends?
Why or why not?
6. Please feel free to write down any other observations that seem important to you.
7. Don’t forget to write in complete sentences!

Activity Page!

Please choose **at least** 3 of the following activities to complete this summer. However, I encourage you to do more. Don't forget to bring them in on the first day of school!

1. Spin a globe or page through an atlas and pick an unfamiliar place to research. Find out 10 interesting things about it.
2. Design a poster encouraging people to visit Rhode Island.
3. Go for a walk in the woods. Make a list of all the animals you see. You can get a field guide at the library that will help you identify animals you are not familiar with.
4. Plant a seed. Keep a plant journal and record the growth of your plant and any observations you make.
5. Write your own book and illustrate it.
6. Volunteer your time. Look into visiting a nursing home, walking a dog at a shelter, reading to younger children, or ask your parents for other ideas.
7. Write and send a letter to your favorite author.
8. Illustrate your favorite song or poem.

Just for Fun Extras!

Here are some great web sites. Check with a parent before visiting them on the Internet.

1. <http://www.ctkmathgamesforkids.com/>
Interactive math games and puzzles
2. <http://www.moems.org/zinger.htm>
Math problem of the month by the Math Olympiad folks.
3. <http://freerice.com>
Play Free Rice in lots of different subjects and donate rice to the U.N.'s World Food Programme at the same time!