



St. Raphael Elementary School

2018 Summer Reading Assignments

Grades 5 - 8

Dear Parents/Students,

Good readers learn, practice and apply strategies when speaking, reading, writing, spelling, and thinking. I hope to extend this process by asking students in Grades 5 and 6 to read two books out of the three over the summer. When we return to school in the Fall, students will be tested on these books. I am also asking each grade to do a BOOK REPORT on one of the books. The directions are included. Please return the BOOK REPORT within the first week of school.

Gr. 5 “Bud, Not Buddy” by Christopher Paul Curtis

“Wait Till Helen Comes” by Mary Downing Hahn

“Dear Mr. Henshaw” by Beverly Cleary

Gr. 6 “Woodson” by Gary Paulsen

“Ginger Pye” by Eleanor Estes

“From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Frankweiler” by E. L.
Konigsburg

Thank you,

Mrs. Hamilton

CREATE A FAN!!

Grade 5

Due: First week of school!

Create a FAN using this information from your novel!!

Blade 1---Create a book cover to represent your book, you can hand draw or compose this illustration on the computer or combine the two. Also include: Title, Author and your name.

Blade 2---Book Documentation: Genre, # of pages, publisher and copyright date.

Blade 3---Setting: where the story takes place.

Blades 4, 5 and 6---Character's Identification: List character traits, both personal and physical.

Blades 7, 8 and 9---List three significant events and give details.

There is a pattern on the back or you can create your own. Ask if you need a brass fastener. Please use cardstock, construction paper or heavier paper.

MATCHBOOK CHAPTER SUMMARIES!

Grade 6

Due: First Week of School!

You will need one file folder, matchbook papers, which are essentially 3.5 by 6 inches pieces of white construction paper.

On the matchbook paper, fold the bottom “Tab” up about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The top side gets folded down until it lines up with the crease from the tab.

On the outside of the matchbook, you draw and color the favorite scene from that chapter. On the inside of the matchbook, students write a summary of the chapter (write a 5-7 sentence summary), one paper per chapter.

On the outside of the file folder, you need to decorate the cover. The title, author, and create a picture that goes with the story.

All matchbook papers fill the inside of the file folder.

BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU CAN!!

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7th Grade Summer Reading Assignments:

Please read the following books over the summer, and complete the project that goes along with each. Students should bring their summer reading projects to the classroom during the first week of school.

1. *My Side of the Mountain* - Jean Craighead George

Create a **Survival Guide** from the perspective of the main character, Sam. This guide should include descriptions and images, be written from Sam's perspective, and show how to survive in the wild.

2. *Flipped* - Wendelin Van Draanen

Create an **Acrostic Poem** for one of the main characters in the book *Flipped*. This acrostic poem should describe the personality and characteristics of the character you choose.

Example Acrostic Poem for "SUMMER"

School's out until the fall!

Umbrella's will be used on rainy days, and at the beach on sunny days!

My family will take a trip to the beach.

My sister and I will take a road trip to the city.

Every day, I will go swimming at the pool.

Rivers are great places to kayak in the summer!

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8th Grade Summer Reading Assignments:

Please read the following books over the summer, and complete the project that goes along with each. Students should bring their summer reading projects to the classroom during the first week of school.

1. *Farewell to Manzanar* - Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, James D. Houston

Create a **Timeline** of events in *Farewell to Manzanar* on a piece of poster board. This timeline should outline at least 10 events that happen throughout the story, and clearly explain the plot. Include important details on the timeline such as places, dates, characters, and details about each event.

2. *Sleeping Freshman Never Lie* - David Lubar

Create a cartoon strip or story board that illustrates the plot and action that occur in *Sleeping Freshman Never Lie*. The drawings you create should depict the main events of the story, and be arranged in chronological order. Be creative! Include at least 8 images in your cartoon or story board. You may incorporate text into the images as well.