# Rising Seventh Grade Summer Reading



Dear 7th Graders,

This summer, please read two (2) books of your choice. These books should be at your reading level or higher. Before choosing your books, look at the two assignments attached so that you can adapt your book choices to the activities.

One assignment is to complete a scavenger hunt, searching for different moments in your book. This is similar to work we did in sixth grade literature, so think about how you can use the knowledge you already have to help you!

The second assignment asks you to reflect on your reading, and describe important elements of the book you have chosen.

I hope you have a wonderful summer! You've earned it!

Love,

Ms. Marcinkowski

# **Assignment 1: Scavenger Hunt**

Directions: As you read **one** of your independent reading books, complete the table below. The quotes can be a sentence or two--they don't have to be long. With the page number, tell me why you've chosen whatever quotes you picked. Make sure that your examples come from throughout the entire book! Then, answer the questions, using complete sentences.

<b>Book Title:</b>
Author:

Look for	Pg. # and explanation	Quote from the book
A moment that makes you laugh!		
A moment that makes you sad		
A moment that makes you angry		
An exciting moment		
A quote from your favorite character		

A quote from a section of the book that you would change	
A quote from your favorite part of the book	

Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

- 1. Give the names of the main characters and a brief description of each (age, personality, physical description, and relationships to other characters).
- 2. Where is the story set (time period and location)? How does the setting impact the story?
- 3. What is the main problem in the book, and how is it resolved? What **types** of conflict appear in the book?
- 4. What did you think of the ending, and why? If you expected the story to end the way it did, how could you tell? If you didn't like the ending, how would you have changed it?

# **Assignment 2: Making Connections**

Directions: As you read **one** of your independent reading books, complete the following questions in a well-written paragraph. This assignment should be done using a different book than assignment 1. Use a separate sheet of paper, please!

## **Book Title:**

## **Author:**

- 1. Why did you choose this book? What did you think of it, and why?
- 2. Genre: Highlight any of the words below that apply to your book:

History Adventure Fiction Nonfiction Mystery Horror Science Fiction

- 3. Have you experienced similar problems as the main character? How did you handle them? How does the main character handle them? Do you believe they made the right choice, and why (or why not)?
- 4. How would you react if you were in the main character's situation?
- 5. Write an alternate ending for your book, **or** a scene that happens after the book ends. This must be at least one complete paragraph (4–5 sentences).
- 6. List 5 vocabulary words you did not know. Include the page number on which the word is found, and use context clues to help you figure out the definition.
  - a. Then, use each of the words in a sentence.