

Dear Parents of Incoming 8th Graders,

Over the summer students will be required to read Nothing But the Truth by Avi and complete an assignment.

- Students' understanding of this book will be assessed through a reading test which will be given in the beginning of September.
- Students are to have their novel with them during the first week of school.

The students are to complete the following project:

- Write an acrostic poem using the provided attachment.
- You may decorate it and make it colorful.

What is an acrostic poem?

- It is a poem that uses the letters of a focus word or phrase, to begin each line of the poem.
- The word or phrase is written down the left side of the poem.
- Each letter in the focus word begins a thought about the topic, beginning with the given letter.
- All of the lines in an acrostic poem are written about the focus word of the poem.
- It does not have to rhyme or have punctuation.

Here is an example of an acrostic poem about summer:

Staying up late at night
Underwater diving
Mosquitos biting
Melting ice cream cones
Everyone swimming in the pool
Rollerblading outside

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Maria Cilento

Name: _____

Date: _____

ACROSTIC POEM



“Nothing but the Truth” by Avi

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8th Grade Supply List

- 1 package of looseleaf
- 1 box of pencils
- 1 box of pens
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 4-pack of glue sticks
- 1 ruler
- 1 calculator- Texas Instruments model TI-30Xa
- 1 mini stapler
- 1 box of staples
- 1 package of looseleaf
- 1 roll of scotch tape
- 5 2-pocket plastic folders
- 24 pack of crayons
- 1 pack of Crayola markers
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 package of multi-colored Paper Mate Flair tip pens (medium point)
- 1 package of multi-colored Sharpie markers
- 2 pencil cases (to hold art supplies and to hold pens, pencils, and highlighters)
- Wired headphones (no Bluetooth)
- 1 box of **gallon** Ziploc bags
- Clorox wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- Clorox wipes
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pocket-sized hand sanitizer to keep in backpack