

Dear Incoming Prep 8 Students and Families,

Summertime provides students with the opportunity to relax and take a much needed break from their busy academic lives. Unfortunately, it is also a time when students lose skills they worked hard to achieve throughout the year. A great way to prevent the “Summer Slide” is to READ and WRITE throughout the summer break!

It is very important that all students entering Prep 8 read over the summer months. This summer students will be required to read a total of **three** books. One fiction book of their choosing, one nonfiction book of their choosing, and ALL incoming Prep 8 students will be asked to read *Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings. Students will be tested on their reading of *Red Kayak* when they return to school. All books that students read should be listed on the Summer Reading Log.

Attached you will find work to be completed for each of the 3 required books. This work will be due the first day of school. The total number of books required for students is three, but of course students are encouraged to read as many books as they can over the summer!

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.
Happy reading!

Mrs. Marron
Prep ELA Teacher

Non-Fiction Reading Assignment

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

1. Explain why you chose to read about this subject/topic?
2. List three important facts you learned while reading.
3. What new understanding(s) do you have after reading this text?
4. Create a new title for the book and explain why you think this is a good title?

Fiction Reading Assignment

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

1. Describe the setting of the book. Use text evidence to support your response.
2. Choose 1 character and create a character web- include evidence from the text to support your response.
3. *Making Connections*- What text-to-text, text-to-world, or text-to-self connections can you make to this book?

Mandatory Class Novel Assignment

Book Title: Red Kayak

Author: Priscilla Cummings

While you are reading, it is important to practice the skills of active reading. *Highlight and define unfamiliar words; use post-it-notes as you read to ask questions; make predictions; and summarize.*

On an 11x14 poster board create a collage of words and images that represent Red Kayak. The following elements must be included:

- Characters names
- Setting
- Conflict/Problem
- Themes

The entire poster board should be covered. Be ready to present your work to the class when we return to school.

In addition to creating your poster board you must type a 1 paragraph (8-10 sentences) explanation of your poster.