7th Grade Summer Reading

2019

Dear Seventh-Graders,

I am really looking forward to our year together in English class! Although I hope you will make reading a regular part of your summer activities, you will be required to read two books for your summer reading assignment. First, you will read *Freak the Mighty* and complete the corresponding assignment. For your second assignment, you may choose any book you like as long as it is appropriate for your grade level and our school. You will find the assignments for your reading below. All assignments will be due on Thursday, August 8. Please feel free to email me at heather.kelley@gcarams.org if you have any questions.

Happy reading!!

Mrs. Kelley

Assignment 1 – *Freak the Mighty* by Philbrick Rodman

*Freak the Mighty* is a funny, touching story about two unlikely friends who are stronger when they are together. I chose this book because students typically enjoy reading it and I feel that it has a lot to say about the importance of friendship. Friends are a gift from God, and *Freak the Mighty* certainly illustrates that. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have!

- *Freak the Mighty* is written in first-person from Max’s point of view. Write a series of five journal entries from Kevin’s point of view. This means that you pretend to be Kevin and will use first-person pronouns (I, me, etc.) as you describe your thoughts, feelings, and emotional reactions to the events that are taking place in your life. Each entry should cover five chapters and should be a minimum of one-half page. Journals can be handwritten or typed (typed entries should be double-spaced in 12 pt. font).

Assignment 2 – Book of Your Choosing

This is your chance to choose what you read, so pick something that you find interesting! You can choose a fictional novel, a nonfiction book, or a biography. Please choose something that is appropriate for your reading level and our school. Do NOT choose a book that you have already read. After completing the book, create a mini-poster advertising your book to the class. Your poster should include the book title and author, a brief paragraph describing your book, and a hand-drawn illustration. There is no need to purchase poster board for this assignment; plain copy or construction paper will be fine.