

7th Grade Summer Reading

Hello, Rising 7th-graders!

I am looking forward to being your ILA teacher this year. Over the summer, please read **TWO** books.

Your first selection must come from the Reading List below. Select a book that you think will be interesting and enjoyable! Your second book choice is up to you and your parents. This gives you more freedom to choose a genre or series which is interesting to you. You can use your AR level or Lexile score to help guide your book choice for an appropriate level.

For **each** of the two books you read, please complete a Reading Response. You can choose which Reading Responses you would like to do (you can do two of the same kind, or two different ones). These will be due at the end of the first week of ILA class.

Wishing you a happy, safe, and blessed summer!

Miss Donnelly

Reading List:

- *Countdown* by Deborah Wiles
- *Last Shot: Mystery at the Final Four* by John Feinstein
- *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown (full or abridged version)
- *Flush* OR *Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *All the Greys on Greene Street* by Laura Tucker
- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (*Reading both Volumes I and Volume II can count as TWO books)

Reading Response Options:

Each reading response should be $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 page, double spaced, 12pt. Times New Roman font.

#1. Write the diary from the point of view of one of the characters.

Imagine you are one of the characters in your book. Write 3 diary entries (1 paragraph each) from the chosen character's perspective, as if the character were telling the story.

- A tip for inspiration: Think of three important moments in the book. If you put yourself in the character's shoes, what would you be thinking? What would you be feeling? How would you react?)

#2. Write a book review.

Imagine that you were writing for a newspaper or online publication. Write an informative book review that includes these three things:

- A summary of the story.
- A description of what the author does well and how you think the story could be improved.
- Your final evaluation: Give the book a rating out of five stars. Would you recommend this book? Why or why not? How does it compare to other books that you have read?

#3. Participate in a Book Club discussion. (Virtual book clubs are acceptable & encouraged!)

Find or create a book club group to discuss your chosen novel. Write down a list of the attendees and the date of the meeting. Write a summary of the discussion, the questions or opinions that were shared, and explain how the discussion contributed to your understanding of the book.

- A tip: Perhaps you want to choose the same book as your classmates and coordinate a discussion together! You can meet with any size group-- from just one other friend/family member to a larger size group (virtually). All participants should have read the book to be able to discuss it together.
- Another idea: Check out if your local library is hosting any virtual book clubs that you would be interested in joining! This would be a great option for your choice novel.