



**Kensington Hall
Summer Reading
Grade 7**

Dear Students,

Summer is the perfect time to become lost in a good book. One of the major benefits of reading is how it contributes to our personal growth. Reading allows you to learn from the experiences of others.

You will be required to read ***The Westing Game*** by Ellen Raskin and one other book from the following list. However, please don't limit yourself! Read for enjoyment and growth this summer! Read and discuss books with your friends and family!

For the required novel, respond to the following questions. Be sure to write in complete sentences with proper sentence structure, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. (12 point font)

- Who are the main characters and how would you describe them? How do the characters relate to one another?
- Where and when does this story take place? What is this place like? Have you ever been to a place like this? If not, would you like to visit a place like this? Why or why not?
- What is the conflict or problem that the characters are facing? Remember that there are often minor difficulties that the characters are dealing with, but those issues are resolved quickly in the story. The main conflict can be followed throughout the book; the little problems usually encircle the big issue.
- Choose one (1) of the following activities to complete:
 - Write a letter exchange between two (2) characters. You must include at least three (3) letters from each of the 2 characters (Six letters in total). These letters must be written in proper friendly letter format and be at least 3/4 of a page long.
 - Create character cards. Choose five (5) characters from the novel and create character cards. Draw a well illustrated picture of the character on one side with his or her name, and on the other side list at least ten (10) facts about the character.

Your second literature assignment is to choose a novel of your choice. You can use this resource to find a good book.

<https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-middle-school-children/>

Create a collage (11X17 poster board) that includes various images and quotes that represent the setting, plot, characters, and theme of your book. Be sure to include the book title and author.

Your assignments will be assessed for insightfulness of content, creativity, and neatness. Be prepared to have a literature discussion with your classmates during the first week of school. Bring your completed assignments to your August Conference.

If you have any questions or want good book recommendations, feel free to contact me. I'm always happy to share a good book!

Happy reading!

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