

SUMMER READING

GRADE 8

2024

May 2024

Dear Parents and Students:

All of us who are involved in teaching reading and English acknowledge the value of reading all year long – not just during the school year. For that reason, we have developed a required summer reading assignment because we believe it will help students meet academic challenges in the coming year and encourage them to develop independent reading habits.

Directions for students entering Grade 8:

- 1. Read either version (graphic novel or novel in verse) of *Booked* by Kwame Alexander**
- 2. Divide your book into thirds; each third of the book should have a log page completed for it. While reading, complete Summer Reading Logs for each of the 3 sections. Reading Logs will be collected for credit on the 1st day of school. Responses should be thorough and specific, reflecting on main events, theme, and characters; as well as, personal connections and ideas.**
- 3. PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN ZERO CREDIT FOR ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED.**
- 4. In addition to completing the Summer Reading Logs, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the book during the 1st week of school. These assessments may include a project, discussions, test, and/or writing assignment.**

This packet of information is available on the Penn-Delco website at www.pdsd.org.

We advise students who purchase their book to keep them. They will find it helpful to have the books available to refer to when they return to school and start working on assignments related to their summer reading.

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Language Arts Teachers

Student Name: _____ Book Title: _____

Period: _____ Section (circle): 1 2 3 Pages: _____ - _____

Summer Reading Log

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Five WONDERINGS: (questions/ideas you do not understand or predict what will happen next)

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