

Dear Seventh Grade Class,

I am really looking forward to seeing you in Fall as seventh graders. I do believe that summer should be a time to be carefree during your youthful years, but I also think you should keep up with some reading and writing because while we must exercise our bodies, we must exercise our minds as well.

I would like your class to read the book <u>Starfish</u> by Lisa Fipps at some point over the summer. This novel is a book written in prose about an extraordinary girl who lives a life of trauma due to her physical appearances. Others push for her to change the way she looks, but she is strong and steadfast. How does her life turn out in the end? Read on to see! For this book, you will be asked to complete a "Double Journal Entry" assignment. This requires you to find 12 different quotes throughout the <u>entire</u> book and write about what you believe is the significance of each of these different quotes. It may seem easy, but do take this assignment seriously and make sure you put in the effort - your grade will reflect the work you put into the assignment.

Secondly for the summer, I ask that you choose a book of your own. This book can be any length, but I do ask that you choose something that is at your reading level and something that you have not read before. You will design a physical book cover for this assignment. It can be the same cover as the book or any cover of a scene that you choose from the book. Inside the book cover will be 2 paragraphs about your overall synopsis of the book and your reaction to the book. Please put genuine effort into this project, as it will be displayed for all of the 7th and 8th graders in our school. If you don't know what to read, I have attached a list of books I suggested you check out and read.

Finally, if there is any tip that I can give you for these summer assignments, it is to take your time reading them and do not cram it in at the end. That will be your biggest regret! Enjoy your summer, but don't forget these responsibilities.





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