To: Rising Seventh Graders
Date: Spring 2026
Re: Summer Reading

Dear Rising 7th graders,

You are expected to read a minimum of three books this summer.

Required Book 1: All seventh graders must read ***The Inheritance Games*** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

The novel will serve as a springboard for literature-related discussion and writing activities during the first few weeks of school. Read it shortly before the school year resumes, so the story remains fresh in your memory. In addition, annotate in your book as you read. This will help you be successful when discussing the book.

Annotate for:

1. Anything that relates to a summary or theme of the story. Look for Big Ideas that can be applied to your life in other ways beyond the book.
2. Note any personal or literary connections.
3. Note the author's craft and mark any areas of confusion or points of possible discussion.
4. Note any character development and/or growth throughout the novel. Which characters are positive role models? What specific actions make them so? What characters are negative role models? What specific actions or traits make them so?

For required books 2 and 3, please pick one of the books to complete your project. Again, you are only required to complete one project.

Required Book 2: Student selected - Please select any book from the attached list for your second book. There are multiple books to choose from with a variety of genres and reading abilities. After reading your selection, please complete one of the following projects. It will count as your first reading test grade.

Required Book 3: Student selected - Please select any book from the attached list for your third book. There are multiple books to choose from with a variety of genres and reading abilities.

Finally, be sure to complete the "READING LADDER" found on the Summer Reading List document.

Artistic Project

Create a book jacket for your selected reading. Your book jacket needs to tell the reader something about your book. Your jacket should include an original book-related picture on the cover, a brief summary of the story in your own words, made up, favorable reviews of the book, and a brief section about the author. Originality, creativity and neatness count! (You may want to first Google how to make a first-rate book jacket.)

Public Speaking/Be a Teacher Project

Prepare an oral presentation/report of 5-7 minutes discussing an event in the story. For example, one possibility would be to discuss the main conflict in the story and how the problem was resolved. You will be permitted to use note cards and have visual aids such as maps, charts, and graphs. Be an inspiring teacher!

Technology - Video Commercial Project

Create and produce a video commercial for your book. The goal of your commercial is to persuade your classmates to want to read it. Your commercial will first need a well-written script, one that is catchy and entertaining. Potentially, you may need to recruit some dramatic actors for your commercial. For filming, consider using any of the many video platforms easily available: Windows Movie Maker, Flipgrid, Pocket Video App, Apple Clips, WeVideo, iMovie, or even the camera on your own device.

San Antonio Academy
Grade 7 Summer Reading Ladder

Name: _____ Class: _____

Book 1 Required: ***The Inheritance Games*** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Book 2 Required: I selected to read _____.

Book 3 Required: I selected to read _____.

For my book-related project, I elected to complete the _____ project.

Additional Books Read - Optional:

Bronze Medal = 1 additional book read from the list (3 total)
Silver Medal = 2 additional books read from the list (4 total)
Gold Medal = 3 additional books read from the list (5 total)

Title: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Medal earned: _____

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Student's Signature Parent's Signature