Rising 8th grade Summer Reading - required

Seaside Neighborhood School

THIS SUMMER YOU WILL:

- Read a minimum of 2 novels

READ 2 BOOKS:

- BOOK 1: Read one book chosen from:
  - *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka
- BOOK 2: Read another novel of your choice

BOOK 1 ASSESSMENT: After reading the book I chose for the first option, you will have an in-class assessment during the second week of school. It will be your first ELA grade of 2026-2027 school year.

BOOK 2 CREATION: After reading the novel of your "free" choice pick a choice from the following options. It must be a digital design that can be uploaded to the google classroom. It is a graded assignment.

Design a T-shirt based on your book. Write a paragraph explaining your design.	Make a diorama of a scene from your book. Write at least a paragraph describing why you chose this scene.	Make a poster advertising your book. Write at least a paragraph explaining why you designed it this way.	Design a new cover for the book. Write at least a paragraph explaining why you think your design is better than the original.
Choose an important event from the book. Write a song or poem about this event.	Write a letter to introduce yourself to a character in the book you read. Tell the character why you want to get to know them.	Choose an event in the book. Write up the event as a newspaper article. Be sure to include: who, what, when, where, and why.	Choose an event from the book. Create a comic strip that conveys what happened.
Make a timeline to show the sequence of at least ten events in the book in the order that they occurred.	Write and record a TV commercial that will help to sell millions of copies of the book.	Write at least three paragraphs around this topic: *I want to read another book like this because…*	Choose a character from the book. Collect/draw 5 items that relate to that character in an important way. Explain in writing why you chose each item.

SUBMIT: Turn in your book talk slides and reader's response via Ms. Wallace's google classroom titled "8th Grade Summer Reading 2026-2027". Please **attach your choice creation** and turn in. The class code is: **y4khslyp**