

Summer Reading

This summer, you will read **two** books: 1) ***All American Boys***, by Jason Reynolds and 2) **one choice novel** listed below.

Additionally, please join the summer google classroom to stay connected. The code is: **2v7ajsd**

Required Reading Directions: Book can be found on Amazon, Audible, Youtube and recording will be posted on google classroom by the end of July.

Please be prepared to discuss the book in a Socratic Seminar in the fall. Choose **three passages** that spoke to you, **two questions** you may still have about the book or that you could bring to a discussion, and **one connection** you found to the book.

- ***All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds** In an unforgettable new novel from award-winning authors Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

Directions for Choice Novel: Choose one of the following novels and prepare a book report to share the first week back to school. Some ideas for book reports are found below. If you have other ideas, great! No limitations - just your imagination!

- ***Cherub* by Robert Muchamore** Formed during WWII, CHERUB is an elite; secret sector of the British Security Service that employs minors aged 9 to 17 - mostly orphans - as intelligence officers. The 12 books in the first series are stay-up-late page-turners.
- ***On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas** Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. Or at least win her first battle. As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died right before he hit big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill. But it's hard to get your come up when you're labeled a hoodlum at school and your fridge at home is empty after your mom loses her job. So Bri pours her anger and frustration into her first song.
- ***We Are Displaced* by Malala Yousafzai** Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzai focuses on the stories of the globally displaced. Part memoir, part storytelling platform, this book reveals Yousafzai's own struggles as a young woman forced from her home in Pakistan during war - in addition to the tales of a handful of refugees who suffered similar fates.

- ***Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi** Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orīsha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope.
- ***Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams** is witty, genius, and an example of common English humor: dry, but hilarious. Seconds before Earth is blown away to make way for an intergalactic freeway, Arthur Dent discovers galaxies and planets, lightyears beyond his own.
- ***The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander** is told entirely through verse: "With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood.
- ***Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli** Stargirl is what her name claims to be. She is one in a million and she chose Leo. Leo is as ordinary as it gets, struggling to conform to the rest of his peers, he has to choose between having a normal life or a life with Stargirl.

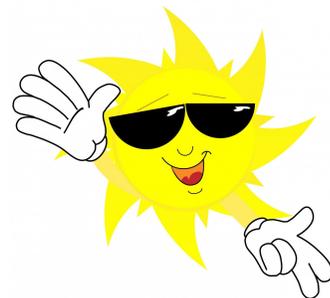
- *If there is a book you would like to read instead of one of these please email one of the teachers.*
- *If you are having difficulty purchasing or acquiring any of the books please reach out to one of the teachers so we can help!*

Happy Summer! Can't wait to see you all in the fall!

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Reading Project Options

Soundtrack

Create an 8 song soundtrack for your book. For each song, write a 3-5 sentence explanation of why you chose the song and how it connects to the book.

Movie Trailer

If your book was going to be turned into a movie, what would the movie trailer look like? Create and record a movie trailer that is 1-2 minutes in length, and write a 2 paragraph explanation of how your trailer represents the movie. I would encourage you to watch a few movie trailer examples on Youtube prior to creating your own.

Current Events

Select five current news stories that you think a character or characters from your book would be interested in. Write a paragraph explaining how your character would respond to each of the stories and the opinions your character would have about what was happening in the story.

Children's Book

Rewrite your book into a children's book that includes the main characters and key events in a way that a young child would be able to understand. Your book should also be illustrated.

Characters Come to Life

Create portraits of two of the characters in your book. The portraits should also include a 3 paragraph written piece that tells about the character. The piece might also include information about events, traits, or conflicts in the book that involve that character.

Script It

Write a movie or play script for a favorite scene in your book. At the top of the script, assign real-life actors and actresses to play each role.

Letter to the Author

Write a letter to the book's author. Your letter should include your feelings about the characters, plot, and ending of the book. It should also include feedback on things you loved about the book, feedback on things you would change about the book, and questions that you may still have about the book.

Sing It

Write and record your own theme song for the book. The song should represent the overall theme of the book and make mention of the main characters, setting, etc..

Build It

Build a scene from the book using any materials that you wish. The scene should be important to the book. You should also include a 3 paragraph explanation of the scene and why it is important to the book.

Scene It

Draw or paint 3 significant scenes from the book. You should also include a 2 paragraph explanation of each scene and why you feel it is significant to the book.

Epilogue/Prologue

Add to your book by writing an epilogue or prologue or both! If you choose to write one, it should be at least 6 paragraphs. If you choose to do both, each one should be at least 3 paragraphs.

Scrapbook

Create a scrapbook for your book using photos and explanations. You should have at least 10 photos in your scrapbook with a 3-5 sentence paragraph explaining how each photo connects to the book.

Compare and Contrast

Option 1: Read a book that has been made into a movie (it must have been a book FIRST). Write a 5 paragraph essay comparing the movie version with the book.

Option 2: Read two books by the same author. Write a 5 paragraph essay comparing and contrasting the two books.

Game It

Create a game that represents your book. This can be in the form of a board game, Jeopardy style game, or any other creative method you can think of. Be sure to include instructions for the game and a 2 paragraph summary of the book!

Cover It

Design a new cover for your book complete with an illustration, a summary of the book, and book reviews. Also include a 2 paragraph explanation of how your illustration represents the book.

Literary Elements Poster

Design a poster that is broken into twelve sections (be creative with your shape). In one section, write a summary of your book. In another section, include the title and author of your book. In the remaining 10 sections, identify 10 different literary elements found in your book. These can be from the following categories:

- Dialect
- Tone &/or Mood
- Meaningful Quote
- Metaphor
- Point of View (1st, 2nd, Omniscient)
- Allusion
- Anecdote
- Hyperbole
- Imagery
- Foreshadowing
- Irony (Verbal, Situational, Dramatic)
- Flashback
- Personification
- Simile
- Symbolism

Passage Picker

Break your book into 5 sections that are as equal in length as possible. Choose a passage from each section that you like or feel is important. Write a 3-5 sentence paragraph about each chosen passage that starts with one of the following prompts:

- This passage is important because...
- This passage reveals the character's...
- This passage fits with the book as a whole since...
- This excerpt makes me feel (angry/sympathetic/confused etc.) because...
- This character reminds me of...
- This character exhibits the quality of courage (honesty, etc.) ...
- The point the author wants to make here is...
- I have felt the same emotions as this character when...
- The author uses the literary device of (imagery/symbolism/theme etc.)...
- I agree/disagree with this character's decision because...

MOS - My Own Science

Each cycle students will be expected to complete a science project on any topic that interests them. Summer is a great time to get a head start on this. If you go to any museums or library programs for example, make sure you take pictures to use for your first MOS. The project can be in any format: slideshow, poster, report, video, live presentation, again the only limitation is your imagination. Anything that interests you is a good choice for MOS! -Liz liz.plant@fsma.k12.de.us

Math

There is no assigned math work during the summer, however we know that students tend to lose ground over the summer months. I highly encourage families to choose math activities, applications, games, or from the options below to help your student(s) maintain their standing and reinforce skills. ~Beth, beth.thomas@fsma.k12.de.us

Recommended summer options:

- Math activities and games (24, Rummikub, Math Stacks, etc.)
- Practical application (mental math, making change, time calculation, grocery shopping, unit rates, banking, etc.)
- Khan Academy, online practice
- Spectrum Math or Kumon Practice Books (available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble)

-Practice books should be chosen based on the highest level of math the student has recently completed.

Rising 7th: 6th grade

Red/Blue/Purple: 7th grade or Pre Algebra

Green: Algebra 1