

Summer Reading Requirements



All middle school students are **required to read two (2) books** for summer reading. Students are encouraged to read more. We believe that books are meant to be shared. Therefore, middle school students are also required to prepare and present a book talk on one of their two books.

- Students will present their book talks upon returning to school. A sample of a good book talk will be modeled for students prior to their presentation.
- Students are required to take notes on the book they will be presenting. These notes will count as a homework grade.
- Students will receive a quiz grade for their presentations.
- See below for suggestions on how to give a book talk. In the fall, your teacher may also provide you with additional choices for presenting your book.



How to Give a Book Talk

1. Purpose:

- Get your audience excited about a book, author, series, or genre.
- Demonstrate an understanding of your summer reading.

2. Prepare:

- Make sure you've read the book.
- Think about what is interesting about your book.
- Think about the lead - how you will capture the readers' interest.
- Take notes as you read. You may want to consider a reader response journal. (See ideas in #3 below for the kind of information you might include in your notes.)
- Mark with sticky notes passages you may want to share during your book talk.
- Prepare note cards to refer to during your talk.

3. Present: (3 minutes)

- Show the book or other visual or object related to your book.
- Tell the title, author, and genre.
- Start with a good lead (interesting introduction).
- Explain why you chose to share the book.
- Give a brief overview of the book (a few sentences).
- Read an excerpt (paragraph or two) and explain why this passage is important to the story.

4. Remember:

- Practice the night before.
- Look at everyone.
- Speak clearly.
- Show your enthusiasm.
- Keep it brief.
- Relax and have fun sharing your summer reading book!



Summer Reading Log

Please return this log to your English teacher by Friday, September 3, 2010.

Please list below the books that you have read by title and author. The first two are the required books.

TITLE

AUTHOR

1. _____

2. _____

Additional Titles Read

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

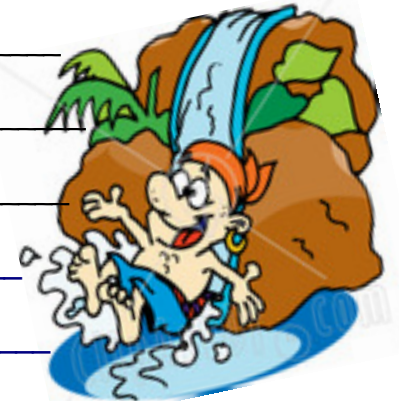
6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Students who read 8 books or 1500 pages will be invited to a Summer Reading Celebration in September.