

## 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 2, 2011.**

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.**