



Homestead Middle School

2018 Summer Reading Plan

Collaboration in Action



It's Summertime!! Your Homestead Middle School teachers are incredibly proud of all the reading growth you have accomplished this past year. **Now, it's time to continue this progress and start your summer reading plan!**

Over the course of the summer, you will be required to read at least one novel. Below you will find a list of required summer reading novels. You must **choose one book and complete two writing assignments** along with your reading. The instructions for the assignments are listed below.

These assignments are very important for several reasons. Not only will you be working towards increasing your reading levels, but you will also continue to maintain healthy, diligent reading habits. Your summer reading plan will give you a heads up, not only in reading, but also in EVERY subject. Did you know that Math, Science, Social Studies, and all of your other classes incorporate reading in some way? This is why ongoing reading is essential!

During the summer, be sure to read every day for at least thirty minutes. Conscientious students read every single day to soak up more information and increase their skills. Have a great summer and get excited about reading!

Summer Reading Assignments

Choose at least two of the assignments below (a different item per book)

6 th Grade	<u>Wonder</u> by R.J. Palacio <u>Checkmate</u> by Walter Dean Myer <u>Money Hungry</u> by Sharon Flake <u>Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie</u> by Jordan Sonnenblick
7 th Grade	<u>Masters of Disaster</u> by Gary Paulsen <u>Double Dutch</u> by Sharon Draper <u>Savvy</u> by Ingrid Law <u>Anything But Typical</u> by Nora Raleigh Baskins
8 th Grade	<u>Ice Island</u> by Sheery Shahan <u>Romiette & Julio</u> by Sharon Draper <u>HUSH</u> by Jacqueline Woodson <u>The Mouse Rap</u> by Walter Dean Myer

Here are some ways you can purchase/borrow the books for your reading:

Homestead Branch Library

700 N. Homestead Blvd
Homestead, FL 33030
305-246-0168

Mobile Libraries:

<http://www.mdpls.org/special-services/mobile-library.html>

Naranja Branch Library

14850 SW 280th Street
Naranja, FL 33032
305-242-2290

Ask your teacher or a Reading Coach, he or she may have a copy.

Purchase Online:

www.amazon.com
www.barnesandnobles.com

Audio:

www.audible.com
www.youtube.com



Summer Reading Assignments

Choose TWO of the assignments below.

- A. Design a poster with words and pictures to advertise your book. Be creative...use details...elaborate...use color! Try to make it 3-D or movable.
- B. Write a poem about the idea, character, concept or information presented in your book.
- C. Tape an interview with one of the characters in a book you have read. Pretend that this character is being interviewed by a magazine or newspaper reporter. Write a script before taping in case you might want to ask the assistance of a partner.
- D. Instead of traveling into the book, write a scene or story including pictures in which the character(s) travel out of the book into today.
- E. Plan a party for the characters in the book you read. In order to do this, complete each of the following tasks: (a) Design an invitation to the party which would appeal to all of the characters. (b) Imagine that you are the characters in the book and tell what each would wear at the party. (c) Tell what food you would serve and why. (d) Tell what games or entertainment you will provide and why your choices are appropriate. (e) Tell how the characters' act at the party. (f) What kind of a party is this? (birthday, housewarming, anniversary, etc.)
- F. Write a one page "pitch" to a producer explaining why the story would or would not make a great movie.
- G. Write a character diary, writing at least six journal entries as if you are the main character in the story. Write down events that happen during the story and reflect on how they affected the character and why.
- H. Use the internet to locate a postal, or email address of your favorite author. Write an opinion letter referencing one of their books. Use evidence from the text to state your opinion.
- I. Design a T-shirt that promotes your book and write a jingle to sell it.
- J. Make a timeline of the major events in the book you read. Be sure the divisions on the timeline reflect the time period in the plot. Use drawings, words or magazine cutouts to illustrate events along the timeline.
- K. Write an advice column (Dear Abby) giving the author of the book advice on how they should handle the problems/dilemmas in the text.
- L. Use the internet to locate a postal, or email address of your favorite author. Write an opinion letter referencing one of their books. Use evidence from the text to state your opinion.



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