

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM - Incoming Grade 7

Participation in the Summer Reading Program is mandatory for all students entering grades 1 through 8.

Care has been taken to ensure that the expectations for each grade level are appropriate for students entering that grade. I have chosen a variety of books to appeal to different reading tastes, while providing literary value.

Please assist your child in the selection of reading. My requirements for the reporting procedure are listed below. There are three books in total.

Have fun reading!!

1. Mandatory reading for everyone:

*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Activity Choices for “Chains”:** CHOOSE ONE ONLY FROM BELOW (a, b, or c).

**a). Character Interview:** Write ten questions that will give a character of your choice the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. However you choose to present your interview is up to you. You must have ten questions as well as possible answers. No silly questions, please: (How old are you? Where do you live? etc.)

**b). Persuasive Writing Piece:** Imagine that you are the author of “Chains”. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer (choose one) trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflict, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and actors to play the various roles.

-Summary of the story must be included.

-Importance of the story

**c). Create a Newspaper for your Book:** Create a newspaper for “Chains”. Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to the story.

2. Mandatory reading for everyone:

*St. Joan, Girl Soldier* by Louis de Wohl

**Activity for “St Joan, Girl Soldier”:** Traditional Book Report Forms

3. Choose ONE of the following books:

*Homeless Bird* by Gloria Whelan

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

*Heat* by Mike Lupica

*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

**Activity for Book Choice: Traditional Book Report Forms**

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

1. For books two and three, fill out both "Book Report Form" sheets. These forms will demonstrate that you have read and understood the literary elements of each book.
2. Bring a copy of "*Chains*" to class on the first day of school. We will begin our Literature program with that book.
3. We will be using "St. Joan, Girl Soldier" in our Literature class during November, so please be sure to retain this book for that time.

I hope you enjoy your summer, and that reading will be an enjoyable and important part of it!