



SMS Junior High Summer Reading

(Grades 6, 7, 8)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to introduce the Junior High Summer Reading Assignment. This program is designed to foster a love for reading by allowing students to select a novel from the list provided and engage in reflective and creative activities. These are the details of the assignment and how students will participate:

1. Book Selection

Choose Your Novel:

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins - Set in a dystopian future, where teenagers are forced to participate in unthinkable acts for survival.

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling - Follows the magical adventures of Harry Potter and his friends as they attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The Maze Runner series by James Dashner - Follows a group of teenagers who must navigate a deadly maze as part of a mysterious experiment.

The Giver by Lois Lowry - Set in a dystopian society where emotions are suppressed, a young boy discovers the truth about his world.

Divergent series by Veronica Roth - Takes place in a future society where people are divided into factions based on personality traits, following the story of a young girl who doesn't fit into any one category.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton - A classic coming-of-age story about two rival groups of teenagers, the Greasers and the Socs, and the conflicts they face.

2. Creative Projects

Students will *choose two* of the following creative projects to complete over the summer:

- Character Diary: Write five diary entries from the perspective of a main character. The entries should reflect the character's thoughts and feelings at different points in the story.
- Alternate Ending: Write an alternate ending for the novel. Explain why you chose to change the story in this way.
- Illustrated Plot Summary: Create a series of illustrations (minimum of 5) that depict key scenes from the novel. Include captions explaining each scene.
- Letter to the Author: Write a letter to the author of the novel discussing what you liked about the book, any questions you have, and how the story impacted you.

3. Book Report

Written Report: Write a 2-3 page book report that includes the following elements:

- Introduction: Title, author, and a brief summary of the novel.
- Characters: Description of the main characters and their roles in the story.
- Plot: Summary of the main events and conflicts.
- Themes: Discussion of the central themes or messages of the novel.
- Personal Response: Reflection on how the book affected you and whether you would recommend it to others.

Please contact Mr. Kleem should you have any questions, concerns, or need further information.

God bless,

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