

Welcome Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and Families!

We are looking forward to a very literate year with a great new group of students. As you head into your summer, I'm sure you are excited to have time to read all those crisp new novels!

As part of your 7<sup>th</sup> grade expectations, we invite you to engage in some summer reading, specifically:

One Nonfiction Novel

One Fiction Novel

and

One Novel in a genre of your choice (Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Sci Fi, etc...)

Please fill in the Reading Record with the details from your novel choices, along with the Graphic Organizer for a Book Summary for each book read on the following pages.

These resources can also be found online:

Reading Record:

[http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/grades6\\_8/](http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/grades6_8/)

Summary:

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/kids/hh/writeideas/articles/0,28372,634427,00.html#>

In the upcoming year, the ELA curriculum will be divided into  $\frac{1}{2}$  year workshops led by Ms. Hayes of the Gold Crew and Ms. Santora of the Blue Crew. All students will benefit from both Reading Strategies and Writing Strategies workshops, joining midyear for a Integrated Medieval Unit with Social Studies.

Have an excellent, sunny summer!

Ms. Hayes and Ms. Santora  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA

# Reading Record

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Use this record to keep track of** the title of each book or magazine article you read. Write the name of the author and the total number of pages. Then note the genre of your text—fiction, nonfiction, poetry, graphic novel, etc. Record the date you started reading the text and when you finished it. Finally, write why you liked or didn't like what you read.

Title	Author	# of Pages	Genre	Started Reading (date)	Finished Reading (date)
I liked/didn't like this text because					
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Book Report Organizer

Use the organizer below to take notes on the book you are writing about.

Title:	Author:
Genre:	
Characters:	
Setting (where the story takes place):	
The conflict or problem in the story:	
Summary of the story:	
An important event in the beginning:	
An important event in the middle:	
An important event in the end:	
My opinion:	