

Grade 7 Required Summer Assignments

Math - Miss Cassella and Mrs. Dougherty

Each student should complete the Summer Skills Math book (including brain aerobics). All lessons must be completed and turned on the first day of school.

Literature - Mrs. Blochberger

Congratulations on completing your 6th grade year! I am so excited to have you for 7th Grade Homeroom, Literature class, and English class! We have an exciting year ahead reading a variety of genres from a memoir, to a documentary novel, a dystopian novel, and a mystery novel.

To build great reading habits, you must read. You have **two required assignments for the summer.** **They will be due on August 24, 2020.**

Required reading #1: Read the short story, "Thank You Ma'am," by Langston Hughes. It is available online. Create a poster using images, drawings, or symbols to represent the theme of the story. Divide your poster in two parts. The top part will be the images or symbols that represent the theme. You may also draw the images or use cut outs from magazines. On the bottom half of the poster you will write a paragraph (introductory sentence, three details, and a concluding sentence) explaining what you think the theme of the short story is. The poster can be any size but no smaller than 8.5 in. x 11 in.

Required reading #2. Read a historical or realistic fiction book and write a book review on it. The review will be formal, so no contractions or slang are to be used in your writing. Your book review must include the following:

- I. Introduction (3-5 sentences)
 - A. Include the title of the book, the author, and the genre
 - B. Your opening paragraph should give a general idea about what the book is about
- II. Body (5 sentences)
 - A. Details about important characters
 - B. Details about the setting
 - C. Details about moments in the plot
- III. Conclusion (3-5 sentences)
 - A. Evaluate the book
 - B. Offer an opinion without giving away the ending

Use the Middle School heading for both of these assignments:

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You may choose any style font, but the size of the font needs to be 12.

Here are some book recommendations:

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Have fun and be creative with your poster presentation. I look forward to reading your book review.

Please send me an email if you have any questions. See you in August! 😊

Peace,

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