



Dear Middle Schoolers,

Summer is finally here and one thing that I always look forward to during my vacation is relaxing with a great book. I'd like to see you reading for at least 30 minutes a day, four days a week. You could also keep your writing skills sharp by keeping a journal, or just writing creatively in the way I know most of you enjoy.

This summer your reading assignment is to read **three books** of your choice, **two** from the list below. I would like you to choose a title that not only sounds interesting, but also may challenge you to step outside of your box. For example, if you tend to read only science fiction books, try to read historical fiction or a mystery. Choose at least two of the three books from the list below. Complete the book activities which are due on the first day of school.

Although you may choose your third book, you can always choose all three from the list I've provided. These books are all taken from either a classical book list or from the Newbery Honor list. They range from lighter to more challenging, classical texts. Remember to read something that you have not read before, mix and match genres and to choose something that sounds entertaining. I mean, it is summer after all! I hope you have a great one! See you in the Fall!

Mrs. Loubier

Book Titles

Call It Courage, by Armstrong Sperry

The Summer of the Swans, by Betsy Byars

The Trumpeter of Krakow, by Eric P. Kelly

The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman

The View From Saturday, by E.L. Konigsburg

A Day No Pigs Would Die, by Robert Newton Peck

The Hiding Place, by Corrie Ten Boom

The False Prince, by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Across Five Aprils, by Irene Hunt

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson

Christy, by Catherine Marshall

A Night to Remember: The Sinking of the Titanic, by Walter Lord

Alice in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll

The Miracle Worker, by William Gibson

Captains Courageous, by Rudyard Kipling

Summer Reading Must Do's

Read three books (two from the list provided). Complete the book activities which are due on the first day of school.

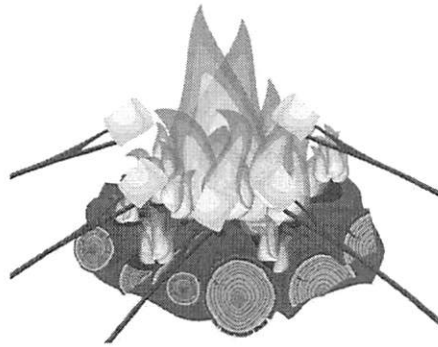
While reading, pay attention to the characters, setting, plot, and theme.

Book 1: Write a book review. It should include a thorough summary of the story as well as your recommendation for the book. This review should be no less than 250 words.

Book 2: On a lined piece of paper answer the following questions about your book. Remember to include the title and author, restate the question in your answer, and write in complete sentences.

- 1.) How does the main character change during the story?
- 2.) What did the main character do to make you like or dislike him/her?
- 3.) How did the setting impact the events in the story?
- 4.) Cite a line from the text that helps the reader learn more about the main character. Explain why this line gives insight to the character.

Book 3: After the first day of school your teacher will pick one of the three books you read and you will bring in an object that helps tell the story. Put some thought into it. Ex. For *The Three Little Pigs* I might bring in a brick because it was important in building a good sturdy house. You will be responsible for giving a book talk on your book using your object.



I hope that you have a fantastic summer. Remember to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Now is the time to swim, hike, camp, and roast marshmallows. I can't wait to hear about your summer adventures. I don't want anyone to say that they did nothing or that they played video games all summer long... Read, write, and be active!

Have a blessed summer!

Mrs. Loubier