



Father Andrew White School 2017 Summer Reading Instructions

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Dear FAW Students and Families of Rising Grades 6-8,

Welcome to summer. Again this year, our students have required summer reading assignments. This work is an important effort to support and encourage middle school students' active summer reading. The purpose for promoting summer reading is to reinforce students' continued development and growth of their overall comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, reading fluency, and background knowledge.

All middle school students are required to read **TWO** books (one fiction and one nonfiction) and to complete the related assignments. All assignments should be completed and turned in by September 11th. The required books are as follows, by grade:

Grade 6- Fiction - **Red Kayak** by Priscilla Cummings & Nonfiction - Student Choice

Grade 7- Fiction - **The Phantom Tollbooth** by Norton Juster & Nonfiction - Student Choice

Grade 8- Fiction - Student Choice (please choose a book by Priscilla Cummings) & Nonfiction - **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban**

Assignments for Fiction and Nonfiction reading are:

FICTION:

Assignment 1: REQUIRED: Keep running notes as you read (a composition book would work best). Split your composition book into sections (use post-its to mark them) and complete the following sections:

1. Character list including descriptions and traits you learn about the characters as you read
2. Brief summaries after every 3 chapters (just a couple of sentences), including any problems or conflicts the characters face and predictions of what is to come
3. Vocabulary words that are unfamiliar to you and then a familiar synonym for the word
4. Choose three important events that happen to any ONE main character. Write a journal entry for each of the three events, from the perspective of that character. The journal entries must be at least 150 words (you will have 450 total words when you are done with the three entries).

Assignment 2: OPTIONAL FOR EXTRA CREDIT: Create a video book trailer. The trailer must be at least 60 seconds long but not longer than 2 minutes. Include a summary of the book, without giving too much away, but especially without giving away the ending. You want to "hook" the watchers to try to

encourage them to read the book. Leave the watchers with a question to try to get them interested. Be creative! There are tons of resources on the internet for adding exciting clips and sound bites to your video.

NONFICTION: REQUIRED

Create a timeline of important major events from the story. There must be at least 6-8 items on the timeline with a detailed description of each of these major events.

Enjoy these books and projects and be sure to pace yourself and not save all of your work until the very end of summer. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pietsch or me at any time.

Mrs. Snow