

Summer Reading Assignment: Regular ELA 7th Grade

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have you next year! As we enter into the 1st nine weeks, it's important that we start the year successfully. Your summer reading assignment is to read one of the following books:

- *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea
- *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- *I Funny: A Middle School Story* by James Patterson

We suggest that you start reading early, read and reread (if you don't understand certain parts), and take notes on the chapters as you read. After you have read the novel and created notes for each chapter, complete ONE of the assignments listed on the back of this letter. Everything should be completed AND brought to school August 12. Your ELA teacher will take up your summer reading work and use it for grades, classwork, discussions, quizzes, or whatever other assessment she determines is necessary. All students will take a quiz on their chosen book after returning to school.

Highly recommended but not required: For your novel, take notes for each chapter. These can be sentence fragments and in any style you choose. Each chapter should include at least three note entries. This will help you with the quiz you will be taking on the book once school has started back.

Expectations for ALL assignments in 7th grade:

- Use complete sentences (must begin with capital letter and end with punctuation mark).
- Use correct punctuation.
- Use the proper heading (see example below).
- Use your own notebook paper.
- Check your spelling.
- Double check your spelling.

How to head your paper:

In the upper left corner, write your name, the class (ELA), the book title, and today's date. Centered on the next line, write the title of the assignment you're completing.

Example:

Crystal Watford

ELA

Book Title

July 12, 2017

The Alternate Ending

Assignment #1: Choose ONE of the following.

Option #1 – The Alternate Ending

Create an alternate ending to the novel by... (choose one) (An alternate ending is an ending that is different than what the author wrote.)

- Typing the alternate ending (2-3 pages double spaced), OR
- Making a movie/video that shows the new ending, OR
- Writing a script of the new ending

Option #2 – The Comic Book

Turn the novel into a comic book. Provide colorful illustrations, dialogue, and narration. Your comic book must include at least 20 tiles that should summarize the main events of the story. This may be NEATLY AND COLORFULLY hand drawn or created online with an app such as storyboardthat.com.

Option #3 – The Interview

Prepare a script for an interview, with you as the interviewer, and with one of the characters from the book as the interviewee. Write both your questions and the answers you think that character would give. This should include at least **15** questions and answers. Questions and answers should be thoughtful and important to the book or character. **Don't include questions that can be answered with one or two words or with a yes or no.** No yes or no questions are allowed.

When you return to school, expect a quiz on the book you read within a week.

Assignment #2: Please also read a book of your own choosing this summer. You do not have any requirements to complete with this book except reading. Be prepared to tell your teacher the title and author of the book during the first week of school.