

Great Meadows Middle School
Incoming Eighth Grade Summer ELA Assignment
(Highly Encouraged but not Required)

Dear Students,

This summer your reading will be one book of your choice from the following list.

Writing Prompt:

Now that you have completed your book, reflect back think about the story, what if it had been written from another character's perspective? For example, in Cinderella we hear the whole story from Cinderella's point of view, but what about what the Prince was thinking when she ran away at midnight? Create a narrative that tells a part of the book (your choice) from another character's point of view. Stay true to the author's plotline and the traits of the characters. Have fun with this! This is your chance to play with irony in your writing.

Enjoy your summer.
Happy Reading!
Grade 8 ELA teachers

<u>Among the Hidden</u> - Margaret Peterson Haddix	<u>Across Five Aprils</u> – Irene Hunt
<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u> - Madeleine L'Engle	<u>Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief</u> – Wendelin Van Draanen
<u>The Westing Game</u> - Ellen Raskin	<u>The Chosen</u> – Chaim Potok
<u>Dragonwings</u> – Laurence Yep	<u>A Wizard of Earthsea</u> - Ursula K. Le Guin
<u>And Then there Were None</u> - Agatha Christie	<u>Gathering Blue</u> – Lois Lowry (<u>The Giver</u> sequel)
<u>Little Women</u> - Louisa May Alcott	<u>The Red Badge of Courage</u> – Stephen Crane
<u>The Crucible</u> – Arthur Miller	

Great Meadows Middle School
Incoming Seventh Grade Summer ELA Assignment

(Highly Encouraged but not Required)

Dear Students,

This summer your reading will be one book of your choice from the following list; all books are written by Jerry Spinelli. We hope you enjoy many books this summer, let us know if you find a favorite author!!

Writing Prompt:

Now that you have completed your book, reflect back and pick a scene between two characters that spoke to you in some way. (You may have really enjoyed it, it may have made you mad, you may have cheered for a character! etc.) This scene can be anywhere from the rising action to the resolution. Now rewrite that scene from another character's point of view. For example, in Cinderella we hear the whole story from Cinderella's point of view, but what about what the Prince was thinking when she ran away at midnight? Be sure to write a complete narrative, use all the skills you learned in order to revise and edit your narrative.

Enjoy your summer. Happy Reading and Writing!

The Seventh Grade ELA Teachers

<i>Stargirl</i>	<i>The Warden's Daughter</i>
<i>Love, Stargirl – (The sequel to Stargirl)</i>	<i>Smiles to Go</i>
<i>Wringer</i>	<i>Loser</i>
<i>Milkweed</i>	<i>The Library Card</i>
<i>Space Station 7th Grade</i>	<i>Eggs</i>
<i>Knots in my Yo-Yo String</i>	<i>Crash</i>
<i>Hokey Pokey</i>	<i>Who Put that Hair in My Toothbrush?</i>

Great Meadows Middle School
Incoming Sixth Grade Summer Reading List
 (Highly Encouraged but not Required)

Dear Students,

This summer your reading will be one book of your choice from the following list.

Writing Assignment:

Title of novel:

Author:

Provide a summary of your book. Write a maximum (no more than) of 15 sentences to summarize your novel.

Be sure to include:

Setting

Description of the main character (personality trait)

Main conflict

TWO important story events

Resolution

Enjoy your summer. Happy Reading and Writing!!

Grade 6 ELA teachers

<u>Absolutely Normal Choas</u> by Sharon Creech	<u>Adam of the Road</u> by Elizabeth Gray	<u>Anne of Green Gables</u> by L.M. Montgomery
<u>Bloomability</u> by Sharon Creech	<u>Catherine Called Birdie</u> by Karen Cushman	<u>The Cay</u> by Theodore Taylor
<u>The Door in the Wall</u> by Marguerite deAngeli	<u>The Egypt Game</u> by Zilpha Snyder	<u>From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiler</u> by E.L. Konigsburg
<u>The Golden Goblet</u> by Eloise McGraw	<u>Granny Torelli Makes Soup</u> by Sharon Creech	<u>Hatchet</u> by Gary Paulsen
<u>Hearbeat</u> by Sharon Creech	<u>The High King</u> by Lloyd Alexander	<u>Jacob Have I Loved</u> by Katherine Paterson
<u>The Midwife's Apprentice</u> by Karen Cushman	<u>Mussing May</u> by Cynthia Rylant	<u>Mrs. Frisby and teh Rate of NIHM</u> by Robert O'Brien
<u>Number the Stars</u> by Lois Lowry	<u>Phantom Tollbooth</u> by Norton Juster	<u>Preacher's Boy</u> by Katherine Paterson
<u>The Puppeteer's Apprentice</u> by Katherine Paterson	<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u> by Mildred Taylor	<u>The Same Stuff as Stars</u> by Katherine Paterson
<u>The Secret Garden</u> by Frances Burnett	<u>Tuck Everlasting</u> by Natalie Babbitt	<u>The Upstairs Room</u> by Joanna Reiss

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech

War with Grandpa by Robert Smith