Summer Reading Requirements for 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Bullying affects everyone. Whether you have been a victim, witness, perpetrator, or friend or family member of one of the above, you have most likely dealt with bullying in some fashion. The junior high teachers are asking students to read **one** book and complete an assignment that focuses on the **subject of bullying**. Activities and discussions related to your reading and the topic will take place during the first weeks of school.

Here are the required books:

6th grade
Schooled by Gordon Korman

7th grade
Tangerine by Edward Bloor

8th grade
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Requirements

- 1. Read the book carefully and thoroughly. As you are reading, mark passages that you feel are significant in some way. These may be passages that you can relate to personally or that you feel help to establish the book's theme, plot development, character development, etc.
- 2. Select <u>five</u> passages to which you will respond. First, provide the passage (quote it and list the page number). Then, in a separate paragraph, type your response. Each response should include ideas as to why the passage is significant to the book. Your responses can touch on the emotional or literary aspects of the book.

If you are not sure how to do this, consider the following questions:

- Can you connect in some way to the passage? Does it remind you of something you have experienced, read about, heard about? Explain.
- > Does the passage make you happy, mad, sad, etc.? Explain why.
- Does the passage help to establish the author's theme? What is the message the author is trying to get across to the reader? How does he or she accomplish this?
- > Does the passage help to establish the character's development in the book? What does the passage reveal about him/her? Does it show change or a new understanding about something?
- Is the passage important to the plot development? How?

You do not have to answer these questions; these are merely a guide if you need some assistance.

3. This assignment must be turned in on <u>the first day of ELA class</u>. Get to work early on your summer reading as five points will be deducted from late assignments for every day (not class) it is not turned in (excuses such as "my printer was out of ink" are not acceptable). Be prepared to discuss the book and topic in class during the first few weeks of school (bringing the book is not necessary).

4. Of course, we want you to read more than one book this summer! So, in addition to completing the above assignment, keep track of other books you have read over the summer on the reading record below. While there are no book or page number requirements, it is expected that you will read an average of 15 minutes per day over the summer. Please attach this to the back of your assignment. Avid readers, feel free to continue your list on another sheet of paper if necessary.

Students who read the equivalent of 5 books (200 pgs = 1 book) in addition to the assigned summer reading book will earn **5 extra credit points.** Please fill out the chart and have a parent initial to receive credit.

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