

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING FAQ 2017

Students entering Grade 8 for the 2017-2018 school year are required to read at least one (1) book over the summer. When you return to school in the fall, you will administered a graded assignment in your LA/Reading class related to your book.

Guidelines:

Make sure you have permission to read your selection from your parent(s) or guardian(s).

The internet is full of summer reading lists for Eighth graders. With parent permission, any book--fiction or non-fiction-- is acceptable-- provided the book you choose is *at or near* your reading level. Teachers may determine this by checking with your Grade 7 teachers and/or reviewing 2016-2017 Star Reading Assessment data if they questions about your reading proficiency and its relation to the book you chose to read. For example, if you are reading on or near the eighth grade level, you are not permitted to choose a book like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* as your summer reading selection. If you read your book early in the summer, be sure to re-familiarize yourself with it before school starts.

However, you are not, at any point, to refer to any other source (on-line, friend, movie, etc.). You must use only the book itself. If your teacher determines that you gathered information about your book from any other source except you reading the book yourself, a penalty (including the possibility of a "0" for the assignment) will be applied.

In addition, students are not allowed to read any book that was part of the Curriculum at McCloskey Middle School or any other middle school the student attended in the past. Doing so, will result in a "0" on the graded assignment.

Also, please note that you are strongly cautioned about choosing a book that is also a movie. It is too often a bad idea that leads to problems. No movie will precisely match the events in the book from which it was adapted, and your teacher will be aware of this. If you do choose to read a book that has been made into a movie, it is your responsibility to be fully prepared to include details in your report that were not present in the movie version.