



READING IS TOTALLY COOL!!!

June 2014 ~ Summer Reading



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students' Entering Grades 6, 7 or 8!

Summer is a wonderful time to relax with a good book. The Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) Team is excited to announce that we are continuing with our successful digital approach established last year in order to bring you fabulous titles for summer reading! The selections were carefully chosen to take into consideration the varied interests of middle school students.

Log on to our "Weebly" website to access the many titles from which to choose a book; to view our interesting selection, visit: <http://csdamiddleschoolsummerreading.weebly.com/index.html>; you are not limited to the titles we suggest. Our goal is for you to read at least one novel of your choice this summer.

There are many strategies to choosing the "just right" book for you.

- Read the back of the book, or try a random paragraph in the book to see if you like the style. You can even check the books out on www.goodreads.com. Here you can read a description of the book to help you make a decision.
- If you read the first chapter and find you do not care for the story or that it is too difficult, then put it down and try another. Good readers take their time to find the "just right" book for them.

Assignments:

1. When you return to school in September, your teacher will require you to complete the claim/evidence/interpretation graphic organizer; on the reverse side of this letter is the graphic organizer that will be assigned. The information provided on this form will allow your teacher to evaluate your understanding of the summer novel/s you read.
2. In addition, the "Weebly" site contains different 'projects descriptions' that you can complete for each book you read. You can choose projects that show off your artistic ability, demonstrate your writing ability, use technology, or allow you to perform for your class (i.e. create a song or a rap). If you choose to complete a project, you will receive extra credit!

Where can you get your book? There are excellent resources for books right here in Albany. You could visit the **Albany Public Library** at the main library downtown, or one of the many branches spread around the city. Another option is to check out all local libraries on the website www.uhls.org.

The most important thing to do is read this summer. Have a restful and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY
English Language Arts
SUMMER READING LOG

SEPTEMBER 2014

NAME: _____

ID#: _____

GRADE: _____

DATE: _____

CEI: Claim, Evidence and Interpretation FORM

CLAIM:

Evidence: Examples, quotes, textual references that support the claim . . .

Interpretation: An explanation and/or analysis of the evidence . . .
