

# **SUMMER READING 2017-2018**

## **ONLINE TEST INSTRUCTIONS**

Dear families of upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders,

In the past, students have taken their summer reading tests during the first week of school. We, the 7th grade English/Language Arts department, are trying to better your experience with summer reading. We are going to have online assessments available, and we are piloting something new this year. We want all students to see that we read every day of our lives, and that it is important to read fiction and nonfiction, to read for information and for pleasure. So, instead of reading a novel, **each student will read one short story, two nonfiction articles about the importance of reading**, and then he/she will have the opportunity to earn **up to 16 bonus points** for the start of the year. Your child must read the short story, "A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry, and the two nonfiction articles (compiled on a document together) during the summer. After reading the selections, the students will take an online assessment for each selection. There is an online test for the short story, and there is a separate test for the nonfiction articles. The two assessments will total 50 points. The bonus points will be a separate grade, and the instructions are on page two.

### Links to the texts for the summer reading assignment:

- "A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry: <http://bit.ly/2rvBNqA>
- Nonfiction articles (both articles are on the same document): <http://bit.ly/2rpDMef>

**All students MUST take the summer reading tests online by the first day of school, August 9<sup>th</sup>.** We will be doing an assignment the first week of school regarding these selections, and we need each student to have taken the test in order for the assignment to work. Please know there are many ways to take the online tests:

1. You may take it at home using the links provided.
2. You may go to the Trussville Public Library and use the computers if needed.
3. You may take the test on a mobile device using a Wi-Fi spot here in town. There are several places that have free Wi-Fi available, and here a few places we know of for sure—
  - a. Chick-Fil-A
  - b. Starbucks
  - c. McDonald's
  - d. Momma Goldberg's

After reading the above texts, you are to take there will be certain requirements while taking the test online to ensure a reliable testing method. Please read these carefully:

- You are only allowed to take each test one time. Make sure to use your name as it is shown in iNow.
- With each test, you will have **45 minutes**, the length of a class period, to take the test. It will not allow you to start and stop.
- You **MAY** use the text on the test. Be careful about the time you spend searching to answer a question. It will shut off the test after 45 minutes.

Please click the link below that matches each selection and take each test. Make sure to read the directions for EACH question. At the end of each test, you will submit once. It will then allow you to see ALL your answers at one time, and you can change some answers if needed. Then, you will be asked to submit it for the final time. You will not be able to go back and change an answer at this point. Also, please know you do not have to do both tests in the same day. Good luck! We believe you can do this. ☺

### TEST LINKS:

"A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry: <http://bit.ly/2rcNjGY>

Nonfiction articles regarding the importance of reading: <http://bit.ly/2rWoRLk>

Once you have taken the test, we will get your score and will record it in the grade book. It will NOT show up in iNow until after the first week of school. Also, please do not forget we will be doing an activity with these texts during the first week of school, so make sure to review it a little bit before then. We hope this helps in making your summer reading experience a great one!

**SEE ATTACHMENT ON PAGE 3 IF PROBLEMS ARISE WITH TESTING**

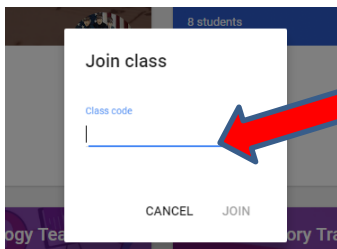
# BONUS ASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITY

If a student wishes to earn bonus points during the summer, we have created an opportunity for that. By participating in this assignment, students will see just how often their reading skills are used. The assignment is found in Google Classroom. If you wish to do the assignment, please follow the instructions below:

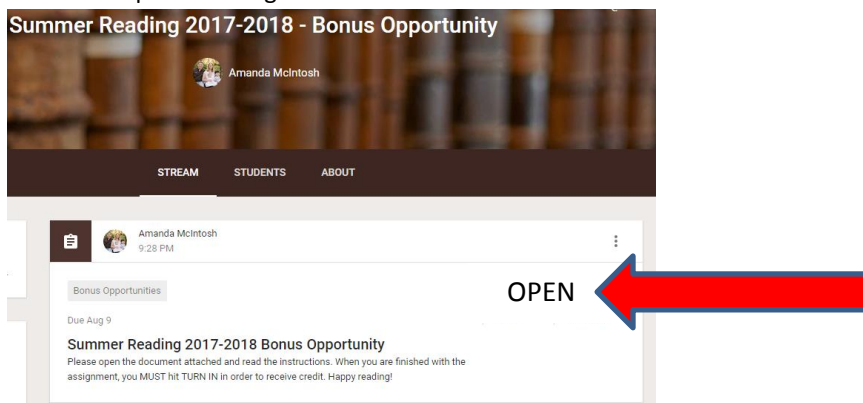
1. Students should sign into Google and **use their .ORG account**. (This is the same sign in information they used on the Chromebook during the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.)
2. Go to [www.classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com) and select the PLUS sign in the top right corner:



3. Then, students should select to JOIN CLASS.
4. In the box that says CLASS CODE, please type this code: **s2ao91**



5. When you type the code in, you will be entered into the **Summer Reading 2017-2018 – Bonus Opportunity** class. You should then be able to see the assignment posted. Click the OPEN button in the top right corner of the post. You will then be able to open the assignment and read the instructions.



6. Please follow the instructions for the assignment, and you must click TURN IN when finished. This document can be worked on throughout the summer, and it will save your changes as you go. It does not have to be completed all in one day.
7. If you are new to the system and do not have a Google account through Trussville City Schools, or you do not have access to the internet in order to complete the bonus opportunity, you may PRINT the document and complete the assignment on paper. It must be turned into your teacher the first week of school. It will not be accepted after August 11, 2017.

LINK TO BONUS OPPORTUNITY ASSIGNMENT FOR PRINTING: <http://bit.ly/2rdeotD>

## Summer Reading Test Issue Form

If you have a problem with test submission or a problem with a test question, you are to fill out the form below and submit it to your teacher on the first day of school. We will look at what happened and determine a solution at that point. We may not change the outcome of the test, but it is worth a discussion if you are worried about something.

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Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

I had a problem with taking the test because:

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I think the fair solution would be:

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_