

TRITON REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
English/Language Arts Department Summer Reading 2011
GRADE 7

Dear Incoming Seventh Graders,

Welcome to Triton Regional Middle School! Over the summer, we would like for you to read TWO books to warm you up for seventh grade. Please read ONE book from the list below and ONE book from the author list on the following page. We have compiled a wonderful list of books with interests for all.

Along with the reading, we request that you complete the enclosed bookmarks for the books you read. Please answer questions 1-5 on the front side of the bookmark, and on the back side, illustrate your favorite scene from the book. With your illustration, please include an explanation of what you drew and why you chose that particular scene. (Don't worry if you're not an artist... just try your best!)

When you begin seventh grade in September, you should be prepared to discuss your books with your classmates. Your bookmarks, illustrations, and discussions will count as a TEST grade for Qtr 1.

PART I: Select ONE book from the list below:

Twilight, by Stephenie Meyer
The Tale of Emily Windsnap, by Liz Kessler
A Step From Heaven, by An Na
Monster, by Walter Dean Myers
The Boy Who Saved Baseball, by John H. Ritter
Whirligig, by Paul Fleischman
Gold Dust, by Chris Lynch
A Dog for Life, by L.S. Matthew
Belle Prater's Boy, by Ruth White
Deliver Us From Normal, by Kate Klise
If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period, by Gennifer Choldenko
Lawn Boy, by Gary Paulsen
A Crooked Kind of Perfect, by Linda Urban
Return to Sender, by Julia Alvarez
So B. It, by Sarah Weeks
The Shadow Thieves and The Siren Song, by Anne Ursu
In Search of Mockingbird, by Loretta Ellsworth

How I Live Now, by Meg Rosoff
Things Hoped For, by Andrew Clements
Small Steps, by Louis Sachar
Olive's Ocean, by Kevin Henkes
Things Not Seen, by Andrew Clements
Hard Love, by Ellen Wittlinger
Miss Spitfire, by Sarah Miller
Memories of Summer, by Ruth White
Broken Moon, by Kim Antieau
The Green Glass Sea, by Ellen Klages
Homecoming, by Cynthia Voight
The Sight, by David Clement-Davies
The Akhenaten Adventures, by P.B. Kerr (first of three in a series)
Chicken Boy, by Frances O'Roarke Dowell

*****PLEASE DO NOT READ THE FOLLOWING BOOKS, as they will be part of the Middle School English Language Arts curriculum*****

Freak the Mighty
The Pearl
The Book Thief
The Giver
Bloody Jack

PART II: Select ONE book written by an author from the following list:

Joan Aiken	Lloyd Alexander
Avi	Marion Dane Bauer
Michael Crichton	Karen Cushman
Agatha Christy	Caroline Cooney
Robert Cormier	Chris Crutcher
Bette Green	Virginia Hamilton
Lois Duncan	Will Hobbs
Brian Jacques	Madeline L'Engle
Chris Lynch	Harry Mazer
Walter Dean Myers	Gary Paulsen
Phillip Pullman	William Sleator
Yoko Kawashima Watkins	Paul Zindel
Larry Colton	J.R.R Tolkien
Karen Hesse	John H. Ritter
Joan Bauer	Ann Rinaldi

We have requested that The Book Rack and Jaberwocky, both in Newburyport, stock copies of these books for sale. A copy of your Summer Reading information will be posted online at www.trsd.net/middle, and at the town libraries in the Triton communities.

Have a great summer! Try to read a little bit everyday. It will get you in the habit of reading regularly. We have chosen some great books, and we know you'll enjoy them. See you in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Babendreier, Team 7-3

Ms. Gearin, Team 7-2

Name _____

**Summer Reading Bookmark
Grade Seven**

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Directions: Please provide at least one **QUOTATION** (any exact words from the text) as examples or descriptions on the following Elements of Literature. Also, please provide the page numbers on which the quotations appears in your book. **DO NOT just provide descriptions in your own words. You MUST provide quotations!**

- 1 the SETTING (where and when the story takes place)
- 2 a MAIN CHARACTER (not only physical characteristics, but also personality, actions, conflicts, etc.)
- 3 another SECONDARY CHARACTER who interests you
- 4 a CONFLICT (a problem that occurs in your book)
- 5 a QUOTATION from your favorite part of the book (Also explain WHY you chose this quote.)

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