

**Summer Reading Assignment 2018  
Hochberg Middle School Students**

**Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

**Mandatory:** *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements  
Complete the assignment below on two 4 x 6 index cards.

**Assignment:**

**Note Card #1**

(Front of Card): Student's first and last name

Title and author name  
Description of the setting  
Main characters  
Conflict or Problem  
Solution

(Back of card)

Theme - Explain the author's lesson or message  
Point of view - Who is telling the story?  
What text-to-self or personal connections did you make to the story?

**Note card #2**

(Front of card): Student's First and last name

Write 3 quotes that are critical to the story (Briefly explain why each is important to story and include the page number from the text)

(Back of note card)

3- 5 discussion questions (If you were leading a discussion group on this novel, what questions would you ask?)

**Choice:**

*Choose one of the following or your own choice: Students' own choice must be a book that has a minimum for 150 pages and is age appropriate. Be prepared to answer the following question when we return to school - Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not? Be specific.*

*Rain Reign*, Ann M. Martin

*Found*, Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Counting by 7s*, Holly Goldberg Sloan

*The Mysterious Benedict Society*, Trenton Lee Stewart

*Endymion Spring*, Matthew Skelton

*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, Jack Gantos

*Who Put that Hair in My Toothbrush?* Jerry Spinelli

*Listen, Slowly*, Thanhha Lai

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**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

**Mandatory:** *Skink No Surrender* Carl Hiaasen

**Assignment:** Write a brief 2-4 sentence summary at the end of each chapter. Summaries can be done directly in the book or on sticky notes at the end of the chapters. Also, as you read, annotate any personality traits you discover for the main character, Richard. Some examples of personality traits are bravery, stubbornness, a sense of humor, insecurity, and compassion, but there are many other traits as well. If any parts of the novel surprise you or confuse you, mark these sections also.

**Choice:**

*Choose one of the following or your own choice: Students' own choice must be a book that has a minimum of 225 pages and is age appropriate.*

**Assignment:** Write a brief 2-4 sentence summary at the end of each chapter. This can be done directly in the book or on sticky notes at the end of the chapters. Make note of any surprising or confusing parts of each chapter.

**Suggested Titles:**

*The Raft* by S. A. Bodeen

*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*A Mango-Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass

*The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan

*Messenger* by Lois Lowry

*The Big Field* by Mike Lupica

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

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**Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** two books required

**Mandatory:** *They Cage the Animals at Night* -- Jennings Michael Burch

**Assignment:**

Keep a journal that outlines your reaction to each chapter of the book. Reactions should be no more than three sentences long.

When we return to class, students will be asked to write a three-paragraph essay that stands as a final reflection to explain Jennings' struggles and his inspirations to overcome them.

**Choice:**

*Choose one of the following or your own choice: Students' own choice must be a book that has a minimum of 250 pages and is age appropriate.*

**Assignment:** Annotate your book for the following. Be prepared to conference with your teacher and discuss your annotations at the beginning of the school year.

- Character Traits
- Plot Development
- Specific questions you may have about the book
- Vocabulary words that are unfamiliar to you.

**Suggested Titles:**

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka

*The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* - Michael Scott

*The Book Thief* - Marcus Zusak

*The Selection* – Kiera Cass