

EFCA Middle School Summer Reading

For students going into 7th grade

This is a list of titles for your summer reading. You need to read ONE book from this list that you have not read before. After reading the book, write a report using the format shown on the attached sheet. The report is due the first week you return to school. Email me at hlucas@efcaonline.org if you have any questions. (I encourage you to read more than one book on this list for your personal enjoyment. These are some GREAT books.)

Book Titles

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen (Level 7.3)
Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry (Level 5.8)
Black Star, Bright Dawn by Scott O'Dell (Level 6.8)
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (Level 5.9)
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (Level 6.3)
The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney (Level 6.2)
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson (Level 5.4)
Redwall by Brian Jacques (Level 7.8)
A Summer Life by Gary Soto (Level 6.2)
The Watson's Go to Birmingham by Christopher Curtis (Level 5.5)

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I have read the summer reading assignment and am aware of what my child has been assigned to complete this summer and that it is due the first week back to school.

Student Name _____ Going into Grade 7

Parent Signature _____

Grade 7 Summer Reading Book Report

Please follow these directions CAREFULLY! Your assignment is due the first week of school, and I look forward to reading each of your reports. Have fun reading this summer. ☺

- Write a report using the following format.
- Start with a title page that has only your name (first and last), grade (that you are going into) and the book's title in *Italics*.
- Paragraph 1: Start by filling in this sentence: "The title of my book is (insert the title of your book here in italics)." Your second sentence should say, "It is a fiction book by (insert the author of book) that contains (insert the number of pages) pages. The third sentence should start like "The main characters are..." Then tell who the **main characters** are and give a short description of them.
- Paragraph 2: Write a short 4-8 sentence **summary** of the book. (Similar to what you would read on the back of a book. Do not copy any part off the back of the book. This needs to be in your own words.) This paragraph should start with, "This book is about a..."
- Paragraph 3: Explain the **setting** (the location(s) where the book takes place) of the novel. Be descriptive and provide details. This paragraph should start with, "The setting of this novel is...."
- Paragraph 4: Explain the **rising action** and the **climax**. This is where you explain the most exciting part of the book (the **climax**) and everything leading up to the most exciting part (the **rising action**). The first sentence of your paragraph should say, "The rising action is when..." (and then explain the rising action.) After this, your next sentence should say, "The climax is when..." (then explain the climax.)
- Paragraph 5: Explain the **resolution** (how the problem was resolved) and the **conclusion** (the ending) of the book. The first sentence of your paragraph should say, "The resolution is when..." (and then explain the resolution.) After this, your next sentence should say, "The conclusion is when..." (then explain the conclusion).
- Paragraph 6: Choose a passage (at least 3 lines long). Type it out, and then explain why you choose it or why you think it is important. Put the page number where you found it at the end of the passage. The first sentence of this paragraph should say, "One of my favorite passages is ..." (Then type your favorite passage with quotation marks at the beginning and end of the passage.) Your next sentence should say, "I like this passage because..." (Then explain what you liked about the passage.)
- Next paragraph: This should begin "I liked (or did not like) this book because..." and then include **2 specific** reasons why you did or did not like the book.
- This report should be typed on a computer using size 12 font and should be double-spaced. Be sure to use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.