

Summer Reading 2024

8th Grade ELA

Mrs. Buck

For this summer, you will be required to read 3 books (two novels and one memoir).

Required: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

This is a dystopian novel that draws on some historical influences of Post-Civil War, Reconstruction Era in American history and the fascist rule of WWII-- two concentrations in your social studies curriculum this coming year.

Required: A memoir of your choice. NOTE: A memoir is a nonfiction narrative in which the author shares their memories from a specific time or reflects upon a string of themed occurrences throughout their life. (An autobiography is a factual and historical account of one's entire life from beginning to end and a biography is not written by the subject. Please be sure it is a MEMOIR.)

Here are some links to finding a memoir:

For ages 10+ <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/best-memoirs-for-kids-and-teens>

For ages 13+ <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/best-memoirs-for-kids-and-teens>

You may choose others that are not on the lists above (example: *Throw Like a Girl* by Jenny Finch, etc). but either way, please have your parents approve the book.

Required: A novel (fiction) of your choice

Assignments:

- 1) Be prepared to do a book talk on the novel of your choice. This will include knowing the plot, characters, any significant symbols, and setting details, as well as being able to give the book a 1–5-star rating and appropriate audience information. You will present the book talk when you return in September, so take some notes as you read, so you do not forget!**
- 2) You will also be required to do a one-page reflection on your memoir when you return. Again, this will be done in school the first few classes back; however, you**

should annotate (take notes) as you read so you can reflect on the subject, and anything you found personally significant or interesting from the book.

Grammar Work over the summer:

Continue working on IXL 7th grade topics for 20 minutes a week. I will check your progress. You absolutely need to be able to pick out prepositions, know the forms of the verb “be” (is/am/are/was were, will be, been, being); recognize sentence fragments and run-on sentences, etc.

Skills to focus on in IXL 7th grade: LL.1, TT 1 and 2, EE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; HH.2, CC. 1-7; OO.1.,2.3 and DD, FF, and GG.