



## RISING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS REQUIRED SUMMER READING 2020

Summer reading is essential to maintaining your reading skills. It is my hope that you will find the books listed below fun to read. Enjoy!

All incoming eighth graders are required to read at least one novel of their choosing over the summer. After reading your book, choose one of the formats below to create a book talk that will be presented at the start of the school year. Be sure to follow all directions for completing your book talk.

Below is a list of suggested titles, if you are looking for a recommendation, however your newsletter does not have to be based on a novel from this list.

- The Contender by Robert Lipsyte
- Nothing But the Truth by Avi
- Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen
- Rocket Boys by Homer H. Hickam, Jr.
- Hush by Jacqueline Woodson
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
- The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
- Things not seen by Andrew Clements
- Out of Mind by Sharon Draper
- RIP Eliza Hart by Alyssa Scheinmel
- Peak by Roland Smith

**Option 1: Google Slides Book Talk:** Create a Google Slides presentation, based on your reading of your chosen book. You may choose the layout, fonts, colors, and images that you include, however, to receive full credit, you must have all of the required slides with all of the listed criteria.

- Slide 1: title and author of your book, a picture of the book's cover, your first and last name, your grade
- Slide 2: an objective summary of the book - just the basics, no opinions
- Slide 3: a detailed description of the main character and an image that represents that character, based on the novel, as well as an explanation of why the symbol you chose represents the character.
  - For example, if you read Harry Potter, the image representing him might be his glasses or a lightning bolt.
- Slide 4: Your most and least favorite parts of the book and why
- Slide 5: Would you recommend this book to your classmates? Why or why not?

**Option 2: Flipgrid Book Talk:** Go to the link below and record a flipgrid video that includes all of the following information, based on your reading of your chosen novel. You may get creative with your selfie, the sticker options, and the other editing choices available, but in order to receive full credit, you need to include ALL of the following criteria as part of your video.

**\*\*NOTE: There is a 10 minute time limit for your video, so it may be helpful to take notes before you start recording to make sure you use your time effectively.\*\***

1. Click this link:[8th Grade Summer Reading Flipgrid](#)
2. Include the following criteria in your video:
  - a. Your first and last name, your grade
  - b. The title and author of the book
  - c. A summary of the book
  - d. Your most and least favorite character in the novel and why
  - e. Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not?

**Eighth grade students are required to have the paperback edition of the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. They ARE NOT expected to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* over the summer.**

This will be your first graded assignment in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, so put in your best effort! Your book talks will be shared during the first weeks of school. **HAPPY READING!**