

Dear Middle School Families,

All Redeemer middle school students are expected to read at least one novel over the summer. Research has proven that summer reading is important for children as a means of preventing a “summer slide” in their skills. However, through the years we have found that when students are forced to read a book that they have not self-selected, they read with less enthusiasm and often do not immerse themselves into the novel. As a means to help encourage and foster the love of reading, we are allowing each middle school student to self-select their summer reading book. The book must be at least 150 pages in length, and it needs to be a book they have not read before (and cannot be a movie version- it can be a book that was turned into a movie, however the movie storyline may not be used in the assignment). Each student is expected to complete the attached summer reading assignment and turn in the completed pages to their Language Arts class on Monday, August 26, 2019. We do recommend that parents review the titles and content and assist their child in selecting a novel that is suitable for the student. Students may read more than one book, and if they do so, they only need to complete the summer reading assignment for one of the books they read. (You may complete the assignment on the attached packet or type and print.)

Blessings and Happy Reading,

Redeemer Middle School

**Redeemer Middle School Summer Reading Assignment:**

Choose and read a book (with a minimum of 150 pages) you have not read before (not a movie or a book assigned previously in school), and thoughtfully and independently complete the chart below. You may use this paper, or if you need more space you may type or format on binder paper. **Summer Reading Assignment will be collected on Monday, August 26, 2019 and is a graded assignment for Language Arts.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary	Write a summary of your entire book in your own words (minimum of 8 sentences).
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Main Character	Write a detailed description of the main character of your book. Include the main character's name, age, physical description, and a description of the character's personality.
Personal Connection	Write about two specific connections you made between yourself and the characters, plot, or ideas in the book.



<p>The End</p>	<p>Describe what happens at the end of the book.</p> <p>Describe what you would have changed and why.</p>
<p>Reaction</p>	<p>Write a 5 sentence reflection on your reaction to and opinion of the book. Be thoughtful and honest and give specific details about what you liked and did not like.</p>

