

Grade 8: Summer Assignment

June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Educators consider summer reading very important in developing life-long reading habits, in maintaining literacy skills and in promoting reading for pleasure. Studies have repeatedly shown that children who continue to read during the summer months perform better when school resumes in the Fall.

As part of the Common Core focus, students will work on citing textual evidence that reveals the setting, analyze the effect of the setting on individuals and events, and write their own narratives. In order to complete these tasks in September, the students will be responsible to read the following book (a copy will be provided to each student):

October Sky

Written By: Homer Hickman

Please complete reading the book and be prepared to be assessed in September. Concentrate on note taking (annotating) for this reading assignment, in order to retain specific facts cited in the text for when the exam is given. Your annotations of the book should be recorded in your Reader's Notebook during the summer and will be checked upon your return as one of your first grades in ELA.

This book will also be used for cross-curriculum activities between both ELA and Science. You will be responsible for completing book related projects, critical thinking questions as well as an exam upon your return. Information will be given to you within the first two weeks of returning to school. Have a wonderful SUMMER!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Murphy