



WORK PACKET

8TH GRADE

Here is the summer work packet to help your child practice some important topics before he/she returns to school in the fall. In order to streamline the process for better use of your time, each grade is required to complete the following before the first day of school:

- Read the selected novel that was chosen for your upcoming grade level and complete the attached activities.
- Practice your Math skills several times a week throughout the summer and complete the attached Math Log. Math apps, flashcards, practice books, math games or workbooks are all acceptable ways to practice. See also the enclosed Math Technology Resource List for additional recommendations.

It is very important that students complete the assignments listed above. Completed and returned assignments are due on the first day of school and will be counted as a homework grade. Teachers will also be discussing the assigned novels the first week of school during the Language Arts block.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child as they help themselves prepare for their upcoming school year!

Love,

The L.E.A. Faculty & Administration

8th Grade Summer Reading

Read the book: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

Middle School Outline for Book Report

This outline will map out the information you need to include in your book report.

First, as you read the book, fill in the sections for this outline.

After completing the outline, take this information in the outline and write your 6-paragraph book report.

When you write your 6-paragraph book report, be sure to include the information completed on the following pages.

The final report must be handwritten neatly or typed in Times New Roman, Size 12, double-spaced.

Do not forget to indent each paragraph and write in complete sentences.

Be sure to hand to your English teacher both this outline and the book report when you return to school.

I. Introductory paragraph

What is the name and author of the book on which you are choosing to write?

Book title : _____

Author: _____

Write at least 3 facts about the author (Where is he/she from? What kinds of books does he/she write? About what topics does he/she write?)

II. 2nd paragraph

Write 1-2 sentences that give a brief summary of the book (ex: Loser is the story Donald Zinkoff, a student who struggles to stand strong even though he is constantly teased by his classmates.)

Write 2-3 sentences that describe the setting of the book (Where and when does the story take place? How is the setting significant to the story?)

III. 3rd paragraph

Write a topic sentence about the major characters of the book (ex: There are several main characters involved in the book The Giver)

Describe the main characters in the book (you may have 2 or 3 characters). Include characteristics of the characters that are important to the story.

IV. 4th paragraph

Write a topic sentence about the main events that occur in the book (ex: There are several main events that happen in the story of The Giver) (10 pts.)

Include the main events of the book in the 4th paragraph:

First, _____

Next, _____

Then, _____

Finally, _____

V. The 5th paragraph

This paragraph will discuss a section of the book you found to be most interesting. Start out this paragraph with the following quote. "The part of the book I found to be most interesting is around page _____, when" (jot down some of the interesting details here) (4 pts.) Give at least 2 reasons why this part is interesting to you:

VI. The 6th paragraph

This will tell why you liked or disliked the book The topic sentence should include whether you liked or disliked the book.

Include 3-4 sentences that tell why you liked, or disliked or the book. (6 pts.)

MATH TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE LIST

(Remember, not all practice has to be on websites! Flash cards, practice books, pages and games count too!)

Khanacademy.org	(Upper Elementary to Middle School) – <i>some students may have access to this site with log-ins from the past school year</i>
Coolmath-games.com	(K-5 th grades)
Abcya.com	(K-5 th grades)
Ixl.com/math	(All grades)
Mathplayground.com	(1 st – 6 th grades)
Funbrain.com/math-zone	(All grades)
Hoodmath.com	(All grades)
Frontrowed.com	(All grades)

Free membership trials are available for the following sites:

Mathblaster.com

mangahigh.com/en-us/

dreambox.com

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