

Our Lady of Sorrows School

7th Grade Summer Reading

This summer, students are being asked to select a book for a summer reading assignment. The purpose of the summer reading is to continue the development of reading strategies and to support vocabulary enrichment as well as spark interest in some great books.

Please choose a book you have not read before. Parents are encouraged to read reviews of the books through goodreads.com as parents are students' first educators and should always approve the content and language.

Students, it is important that you have a solid understanding of the characters, setting, and plot in the book you choose since you will be using it in class discussions and activities at the beginning of the year (so, if you were wondering, "Does this count?" It does!). Now, grab your book, favorite color highlighter, and stack of 3x3 Post-its. Let's get reading!

As you read your book, the expectations are the following:

- Highlight parts that you want to discuss or share when you return to school; make a note in the margin as to why that part was interesting/surprising/intriguing to you
- Make note of any interesting or unknown vocabulary words; write the definition in the book
- Question the author; write your questions in the margin as a strategy to help you better understand the plot;
- Make predictions in the margin as you read and revise your predictions as you learn more;
- Make use of your inference skills as you read since most authors have messages that are not easily recognized as part of the plot...what is the theme of your novel? (hint: take notes in the book on how the main character changes throughout the story);
- Every three chapters, make a two to three sentence summary of what you have read on a Post-it. Place the Post-it on the last page of every third chapter (approximately) as a "flag" that sticks out.

If you get stuck for whatever reason, please just email me prendergastOLS@gmail.com

If you find the book amazing, and you can't put it down, email me and tell me! I will be intermittently checking my mail and promise I will get back to you!

When you return to school in fall, remember to bring your marked-up book with you. I look forward to kicking off the year with great discussions about your summer reading.

From One Reader to Another,

Mr.P