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2010 Summer Reading, Writing and Math - Incoming 7th Graders

Dear Incoming 7th Grade Parents:

Please have your child read the three books listed below as soon as possible for our summer reading. They will need adequate time to finish reading and answer the essay for each book. Further questions and vocabulary will be discussed when we return to school in September.

The Miracle Worker(Play)

William Gibson

A Tree Grows In Brooklyn (Fiction)

Betty Smith

The Shakespeare Stealer (Fiction)

Gary Blackwood

These books exemplify our 7th Grade literature and language arts theme of "Coming of Age". During the year we will read *Midsummer Night's Dream*, To Kill A Mockingbird and Lois Lowry's Literature Circle Books.

All essays **MUST be no more than one page typed, double spaced** with the correct **heading** (top left with your name, grade, Summer Reading 2010, date and title of the book). Each book should have its own page which will be collected on the first day of school.

Please do NOT view films of these selections as often they do not include all the characters or scenes. If you have questions, please contact me at home during the summer-908-350-7180 or jaalbanesius.teacher.391@patdioschools.org. Thank you for your support and enjoy your summer!

Dr. Janet Gibbs

MATH: Please complete the **MATH PACKET** that was given to you at the end of the school year. This will be due the first day of classes and will count as a Chapter Test grade.

Also, **TIMED TESTS** on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of fractions will be given during the month of September.

7th Grade SUMMER Reading 2010

Essay - *THE MIRACLE WORKER*

What or Who is the 'Miracle' in this play? Consider Annie Sullivan's appearance in Helen's life, use of Braille, God's presence in the Keller's life, Parents love for Helen, Helen's determination.

Essay - *THE SHAKESPEARE STEALER*

What would William Shakespeare think of this novel? Is Widge wrong to 'steal' this play, Why or why not? What could he have done instead? What makes Widge change his mind? Choose a description of London from this novel and copy it out and explain why you enjoyed it.

Essay - *A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN*

Explain how Francie Nolan is like the tree that grows by her house. What do they have in common? What happens to both Francie Nolan and the tree? Why is the tree a good metaphor for the young girl?

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2010 Summer Reading Book Log – Grade 7

One of the joys of summer reading is the ability to read what truly interests you. You may choose to read any *age-appropriate* books *in addition to* the two required books. These books should have about **200 pages**. While the simple pleasure of reading is reward enough, you might enjoy having a goal to work toward. Therefore, if you read more than the two required books, you will receive one *Middle School Incentive Ticket* for every additional *200 pages you read (limit 10 tickets)*.

Please hand in this log to Dr. Gibbs on the first day of school.

Name of Student _____	AUTHOR	Grade 7 NUMBER OF PAGES
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If needed, record additional books on a separate paper.

Total Pages = _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____