

Patrick School
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2010 Summer Reading, Writing and Math - Incoming 8th Graders

Dear Incoming 8th 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 write the essay for each book. Further questions and vocabulary will be discussed when we return to school in September.

Inherit the Wind(Play)

Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee

Tale of Two Cities (Fiction)

Charles Dickens

Red Scarf Girl (Memoir)

Ji-Li Jiang

These books exemplify our 8th grade theme of "Justice and the Importance of One Voice". Our other selections for the year will follow this theme and include *MacBeth*, Night and Lord of the Flies.

All the answers **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 the title of the book). Each book should have its own sheet which will be collected on the first day of school to be graded as a test.

Please do NOT view films of these selections as often they do not include all the characters or scenes. If you have questions, please feel free to 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.

8th Grade SUMMER READING 2010

Essay - *Inherit the Wind*

Explain creationism and the theory of evolution in your own words. How should these two theories be taught in schools? Can they both be taught? Would Charles Darwin approved of this play? Why or why not?

Essay - Red Scarf Girl, Memoir of the Cultural Revolution

In what ways are the struggles and lives of Anne Frank and Ji-Li alike and different? Discuss the political situations both faced, their family life, outcome of the two nations and the violence and fear which surrounded by girls. Why is it important to have these personal stories about two such turbulent times in our history?

Essay - A Tale of Two Cities

Explain the first sentence of this novel.....what does Dickens mean by "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"? Give examples of good times and bad from this novel and contemporary (modern) situations or incidents in history.

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2010 Summer Reading Book Log – Grade 8

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 8 NUMBER OF PAGES
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If needed, record additional books on a separate paper.

Total Pages = _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____