



Summer Strive

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."
-Joseph Addison

Strive is defined as "to devote serious effort or energy" by the Merriam Webster Dictionary

DIRECTIONS: You will choose one fiction book and one non-fiction book to read from the lists. Next, you will complete the assignments for each book. **All assignments are due the first day of school.**

Fiction Assignment:

Choose one of the following books to read:

Call of the Wild

That Was Then, This Is Now

Walkabout

Summer of My German Soldier

Pigman

The Lottery Rose

A Single Shard

The Chocolate War

Jacob Have I Loved

The Hobbit

Small Steps

The House of the Scorpion

Jack London

S.E. Hinton

James Vance Marshall

Bette Green

Paul Zindel

Irene Hunt

Linda Sue Park

Robert Cormier

Katherine Patterson

J.R.R. Tolkein

Louis Sachar

Nancy Farmer

1. Create a Glossary:

As you read, pay close attention to new vocabulary words. Create a list of 15-20 words that are unfamiliar to you. Type or neatly write out the definitions for these words.

2. Choose one of the following:

- a. Interview a character from the book.

Write questions the interviewer asks and write the answers given by the character.

- b. Create a map of the setting of the story.

Design the map as you see fit.

- c. Write a personal letter to one of the characters in the book.

- d. Make a new book jacket.

It should include an attractive picture or cover design, an original summary of the book, information on the author and illustrator, and information about other books by the author.

- e. Discuss, in depth, the relevance of the title.



Non-Fiction Assignment:

Choose one of the following books to read:

Farewell to Manzanar

Bad Boy: A Memoir

Fast Food Nation

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Brian's Song

Black Like Me

Tuesdays with Morrie

Into the Wild

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

Walter Dean Myers

Eric Schlosser

Maya Angelou

William Blinn

John Howard Griffin

Mitch Albom

Jon Krakauer

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2. Choose one of the following:

a. Top Ten List

Write 10 facts you learned from this book in complete sentences.

b. Favorite Passage

Choose your favorite passage from the book. Copy it down and discuss what you found appealing about it.

BE PREPARED TO SHARE THESE WITH YOUR NEW CLASSMATES!