

Summer Reading

MJCA Middle School

While summer is a time to relax and recharge, we do not want to lose any gains that we have made in our education. It is vitally important that our students participate in summer reading. Studies have shown that students who do not read over the summer lose up to two months of what they learned during the school year. Each of the three grade levels in middle school will be assigned one book to read over the summer. There will be a written assignment to complete after reading the book. It will be due the first full day of school. This needs to be turned into Mrs. Runyon. The following is a list of grades and the books required for these grades:

6th Grade – Island of the Blue Dolphins – Scott O’Dell

7th Grade – Indian Captive by Lois Lenski

8th Grade – The Giver by Lois Lowry

The written assignment will consist of the following:

First paragraph: Name of book and author, describe the setting (the time and place) and the main characters involved.

Second paragraph: Describe the main conflict in the book. Also, what is the type of conflict (man vs. man, man vs. self, man vs. environment)?

Third paragraph: Which character can you most relate to? Which one is most like you? Give examples of your similarities. If you do not relate to any character, write a paragraph about your favorite part of the book.

Fourth paragraph: What is the central theme (main idea) of the book? What is the author trying to teach you?

Paragraphs need to consist of 5-7 well-written sentences.