

Summer Reading for 7th Grade

Dear Parents/Guardians:

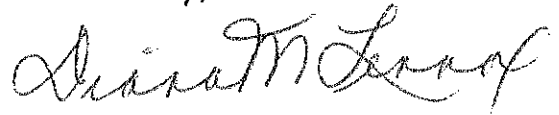
This year the incoming 7th grade will be reading Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli. This book is available at bookstores or online retailers like Amazon.com. You can also check out the Scholastic website.

Attached to this letter are the directions and rubric for this assignment. Please read the rubric so you know how the assignment will be graded. Students must write a two paragraph summary and create three trading cards. The summary should be typed. All work must be neatly done. Please encourage your child to be creative! This assignment is due on the first day of school. Students should also bring their copy of the book to school. We will also have a test on the book during the first few days of school.

If you have any questions you can reach me at dlennox@resurrectschool.org.

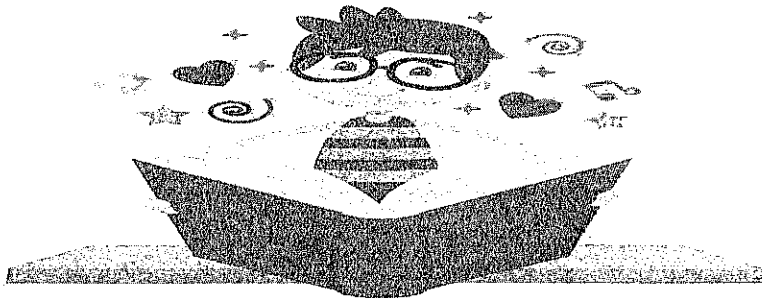
Thank you for all that you do and have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Sincerely,



Diana M. Lennox

ELA teacher



Character Trading Cards

Select three characters from your book. Create a trading card for each character (I suggest using unlined index cards), telling about the character.

1. One of your trading cards should be about the main character. The other two may be any other characters in the book.
2. The front of the trading card should feature the following:
 - a neatly drawn and colored picture of the character. You need to incorporate details from the book about the character's appearance. You may draw this picture by hand, or you may draw it on the computer using a drawing program. The picture must be your own creation. You might want to include significant items that belong to this character, but that is not required.
 - the character's name.
 - the book title.
3. The back of the trading card should feature the following information about the character:
 - Age - If a specific age is not given, tell the general age of the character (elementary child, teenager, elderly, etc)
 - Hometown (or where the book takes place) - If an actual town is not mentioned, be as specific as you can, possibly a state, region, country, imaginary land, etc.
 - Personality Trait(s) - Describe personality traits of the character, with an example of something from the book that shows each trait.
 - Skill(s)/Talent(s) - Use complete sentences to describe at least one skill or talent this character has. Give an example of something the character did in the book to show this skill or talent.
 - Most exciting/interesting/important accomplishment - Describe what this person did that you think was the character's most exciting, interesting, or important action.
4. Write a separate two to three paragraph summary of your book (typed).

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	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Needs Work</u>
Summary Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The summary is 2-3 paragraphs. ○ Paragraphs are very well-written. ○ Paragraphs are a reasonable length. ○ The summary clearly explains the beginning, middle and end of the book. ○ The student gives his or her opinion of the book. ○ Book title and author's name are both included. ○ Work is neatly written or typed. 				
Trading Card #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neatly drawn, uses color well ○ Accurately depicts the character • Name is written neatly on the front in bold letters • Character information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age ○ Hometown ○ Personality (complete sentence) ○ Skill/Talent (complete sentence) ○ Accomplishment (complete sentence) 				
Trading Card #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neatly drawn, uses color well ○ Accurately depicts the character • Name is written neatly on the front in bold letters • Character information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age ○ Hometown ○ Personality (complete sentence) ○ Skill/Talent (complete sentence) ○ Accomplishment (complete sentence) 				
Trading Card #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neatly drawn, uses color well ○ Accurately depicts the character • Name is written neatly on the front in bold letters • Character information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age ○ Hometown ○ Personality (complete sentence) ○ Skill/Talent (complete sentence) ○ Accomplishment (complete sentence) 				
Punctuation, Grammar, Spelling, and Capitalization				