



Dear Parents,

Another school year has come to an end! It seems amazing that your child is already preparing to enter eighth grade. In preparation for the upcoming year, I am sending home information regarding this year's summer reading assignment. The 8th grade curriculum at BCS will continue to be highly literature based and summer reading will prepare your student for the work that we will be doing in class next year. Your student will once again be reading two books over the summer and completing a project, which is due during the first week of school. This project will be graded and counts as the first test grade of the new school year. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Noel

Complete the following assignments by Friday, August 25th, 2017. No late assignments will be accepted for credit.

- **Reading assignment 1:** Choose one book from the list and complete the assignment following the example of *Scat* below:

Scat: by Carl Hiaasen

- As you read *Scat*, please find 35 vocabulary words throughout the novel that are new to you. Write down each vocabulary word, the page number on which it was found, its dictionary definition, and a new sentence using the vocabulary word.

Example: protesters (pg. 210): to object strongly

New Sentence: The protesters were demonstrating their frustration against the expansion of the highway.

Book choices for assignment 1:

Scat by Carl Hiaasen
All American Boys by Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds
Stolen Children by Peg Kehret
Fallout by Todd Strasser

Reading assignment 2: Please read *The Pigman* and complete the assignment as follows:

The Pigman: by Paul Zindel

- After you have read *The Pigman*, choose three themes that are represented throughout the book (this assignment should sound familiar to most of you). Find three examples from the book to support each theme that you have chosen. Please remember to use quotation marks and page numbers when you use an excerpt from the book. Write out your three themes and supporting examples in paragraph form, be sure to double check grammar and punctuation before turning in your project.
- **Please see the attached list for additional reading suggestions.**

ADDITIONAL SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Canterwood Crest – Take the Reins by Jessica Burkhart
Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
This Song will Save your Life
Making the Cut (Chloe by Design) by Margaret Gurevich
Backlash by Sarah Darer Littman
Doll Bones by Holly Black
The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Fast Break by Mike Lupica
The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
Legend by Marie Lu
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Masterminds by Gordon Korman
Michael Vey – Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans
Stupid Fast by Geoff Herbach
The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau
Lies I Told by Michelle Zink
The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey
Minrs by Kevin Sylvester
Booked by Kwame Alexander
The Fellowship of the Ring (The Lord of the Rings Part One) by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Paladin Prophecy by Mark Frost
The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice) by John Flanagan
Victor Cruz – Out of the Blue by Victor Crus
Wilder Boys by Brandon Wallace
Dragon by Christopher Paolini
Once was a Time Leila Sales
Read Between the Lines Jo Knowles
Until Friday Night by Abbi Glines
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
The Finisher by David Baldacci
House Arrest by K.A. Holt
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
Brushko by Bruce Olsen