

**Hello 7th Graders,**

Happy summer!

Every single one of you has grown and learned much this school year. The last thing we (your parents and I) want to take place is for you to lose that growth. According to study.com, reading over the summer will help you retain learning and keep critical thinking skills needed for the next school year. Reading over the summer can give growth in reading proficiency, and it can increase your progress in vocabulary, spelling, AND math. All of these things will help your transition into 7th grade in August, giving you the opportunity for higher success. In the article "The importance of reading over the summer holidays", reading over the summer is equated to doing physical exercise. We exercise to keep our bodies healthy and strong. We read to keep our brains active and healthy as well.

Your assignment:

- Read the novel *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick**
- Answer the questions on the following page. These questions are also on my website linked to the bottom of my email as well as on Canvas. You can answer these questions on the Google Doc, or you can write out your answers on a piece of lined paper. Remember, format matters.
- Complete, or do your best to complete, the Reading Challenge of your choice. If you need book recommendations please email me ([eessig@desertchristianacademy.org](mailto:eessig@desertchristianacademy.org)) or ask a librarian. On the back of the challenge paper explain your choice for "Favorite book from this challenge". Again, format matters.

The book *Freak the Mighty* will be the novel we start the year off with, reviewing and learning standards and skills. We will not be reading the novel in class, but we will be working with the novel as a whole as well as with small sections of the novel in close reads. It is imperative, super important, that you read it over the summer so you start off the year strong and are able to participate in class conversations and complete all assignments. You do not have to have your own copy of the book, you can check it out from the library or borrow from someone who has a copy or read it through Kindle or a similar app. I will have a class set for us to use when in the classroom. You can choose to either read this book and answer the questions at the beginning of the summer or wait until the second half so it is fresh in your mind when school starts. It is up to you and your summer schedule.

Please feel free to email me with any questions. I will be checking my email and will get back to you. Remember, the point of this is to continue reading so you don't lose skills. I picked a book that isn't difficult and should be somewhat entertaining.

*Mrs. Essig*

## Chapter Questions:

### END OF CHAPTER 3:

Which character do you connect with the most: Kevin (Freak) or Maxwell? What about them do you connect with?

### END OF CHAPTER 7:

Explain how Kevin and Maxwell become Freak the Mighty. How do they compliment each other?

### END OF CHAPTER 11:

What are the adventures Freak the Might has over the summer? Which one would you have liked to go on and why?

### END OF CHAPTER 12:

How does the first day of school set the tone (feeling) for the year? Explain how it fits into who Freak the Mighty is?

### END OF CHAPTER 16:

What major event takes place in these chapters? How are Maxwell and his dad similar and how are they different?

### END OF CHAPTER 20:

How does Freak the Mighty strike again? Did this part end the way you thought? Explain.

### END OF CHAPTER 25:

What happens to Kevin? What happens to/with Maxwell? At the very end, Loretta sees Maxwell and gives him some advice. What is the advice she gives, what does it mean, and what does Maxwell do with the advice?