

Hello 7th Graders,

Happy almost summer!!!! Let's celebrate with some reading! (hehe...am I the only one who thinks that's awesome?!)

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. Therefore, you have summer reading YAY!!! Okay, okay, maybe you're not that excited, but it's going to be alright. If you give it a chance, you may even like one of the books you read. (Did you guys notice the ACE paragraph above!?)

Your assignment:

- ☐ **Read the novel *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick**
- ☐ Fill in a **dialectical journal** with one quote from each chapter. The quote can be a quote that caused you to ask questions, a quote that made you feel an emotion, a quote that is important to a character or the story. For each quote write an explanation of why you wrote that quote down. You can complete this digitally on a google doc you print out or on paper you write out.
- ☐ Read a 2nd novel or book of your choice and be ready to share the book and a review of the book the first week of school. This book can be a fiction story, a graphic novel, a biography, sports book, or even news/informational articles following a specific current event or person.

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 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. Any sections we read in class next year I will have copies for you so you do not have to have a 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. You can choose to either read this book and fill in the dialectical journal at the beginning of the summer or wait until the second half so it is fresh in your mind when school starts.

Please feel free to email me with any questions. I will be checking my email regularly 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. Give it a shot.