



School District of South Orange and Maplewood
English Language Arts Department

***This letter is for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.**

June 9, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year's summer reading will include one choice from the *New Book* category, one *Reread* from the past school year's curriculum or a *Related Read*, and then the actual task, as follows. After June 30, an electronic version of Category 3, The Task, will be available on the district website.

Incoming 6th Grade	Incoming 7th Grade	Incoming 8th Grade
Category 1: A New Book	Category 1: A New Book	Category 1: A New Book
Choose <u>at least one</u> of the following texts: <i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> Ransom Riggs <i>Fallout</i> Todd Strasser <i>Touched by Fire</i> Irene Watts	Choose <u>at least one</u> of the following texts: <i>I am Nujood, Age 10, and Divorced</i> Nujood Ali <i>Under the Mesquite</i> Guadalupe Garcia McCall <i>Legend</i> Marie Lu	Choose <u>at least one</u> of the following texts: <i>Darius and Twig</i> Walter Dean Myers <i>In Darkness</i> Nick Lake <i>Enrique's Journey</i> Sonia Nazario
Category 2: A Reread or Related Read	Category 2: A Reread or Related Read	Category 2: A Reread or Related Read
<i>Here's a suggested book to reread that you've read this past school year. You may choose any book to reread, however.</i> <u>A Reread</u> <i>Rules</i> Cynthia Lord <u>Related Reads to Category 1</u> <i>Hollow City</i> Ransom Riggs <i>The Thing About Luck</i> Cynthia Cadohata <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> Thanhha Lai <i>The Book Thief</i> Markus Suzak <i>Land of Stories</i> Chris Colfer	<i>Here's a suggested book to reread that you've read this past school year. You may choose any book to reread, however.</i> <u>A Reread</u> <i>Stones in Water</i> Donna Jo Napoli <u>Related Reads to Category 1</u> <i>Picture Me Gone</i> Meg Rosoff <i>A Long Way Gone</i> Ishmael Beah <i>Prodigy</i> (Book 2 <i>Legend</i> series) Marie Lu <i>Champion</i> (Book 3 <i>Legend</i> series) Marie Lu	<i>Here's a suggested book to reread that you've read this past school year. You may choose any book to reread, however.</i> <u>A Reread</u> <i>The Outsiders</i> S.E. Hinton <u>Related Reads to Category 1</u> <i>Eleanor and Park</i> Rainbow Rowell <i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i> Benjamin Saenz <i>Where Things Come Back</i> John Corey Whaley <i>Cameron and the Girls</i> Edward Averett

Category 3: The Task	Category 3: The Task	Category 3: The Task
<p>Refer to the attached handout, <i>Question and Answer Relationships</i> and create <u>three questions for each question-type category</u>, to total 12 questions.</p> <p>Complete this task for <u>each</u> book you read. Ultimately, 24 questions will be developed. There will be a follow-up lesson at the start of the school year.</p>	<p>Refer to the attached handout, <i>Key Concept Synthesis</i>.</p> <p>Complete this task for <u>each</u> book you read. There will be a follow-up lesson at the start of the school year.</p>	<p>Refer to the attached handout, <i>Sample Text Annotation</i>. Annotate text directly (if books are owned) or use post-it notes to annotate (if copies are borrowed from the library, for example).</p> <p>Complete this task for <u>each</u> book you read. There will be a follow-up lesson at the start of the school year.</p>

Enjoy a safe summer filled with rich reading experiences!

Sincerely,

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Grades 6-12