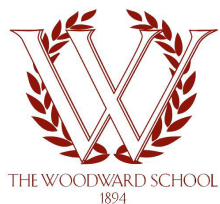


# **The Woodward School**



## **Middle School Summer Reading 2024**



June 2024

Dear Students and Families:

Summer reading is assigned to promote reading outside the classroom, and in certain cases, to prepare students for specific courses in the upcoming academic year.

***All students are required to read the chosen book below over the summer and complete the related assignment.*** Of course, reading more is enthusiastically recommended!

**Students must bring their required summer reading books with them on September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Enjoy your summer and reading!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Petersen

Associate Head of School

## Middle School Summer Reading English Department

Students must bring their required summer reading **assignments** with them **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

English - Students entering Grade 6 are **required** to read *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and complete the related assignment below:

Create a poster that will demonstrate what you learned from reading *Wonder*. You need to include the 5 key elements of a story:

- **The Main Character** - List details that describe the traits of the character(s) in the story
- **The Setting** - Include both the physical location and time period
- **The Plot** - Include a written paragraph that explains the events that occurred in the story
- **The Conflict** - The challenge or problem that drives the action of the story
- **The Theme** - The message of the story (moral or idea that the author is expressing)

This is a *creative* project. You can present the information in various ways such as through writing, using pictures, drawing illustrations, etc. Your poster should be visually attractive, neat and organized, and include information from the 5 key elements of a story. You may include additional information such as interesting characters, quotes, etc. However, be sure to include the required information.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

English - Students entering Grade 7 are **required** to read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry and complete the related assignment below:

Create a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrates what you learned from reading *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. Your presentation should include a minimum of 7 slides. The first slide should be a title slide which should include the name of the book, your name, and an image or picture that relates to the story. The information on the other slides should include the 5 key elements of a story; main character(s), setting, plot, conflict, and theme. Also include one slide in which you discuss your personal thoughts about the book. When discussing the character(s) focus on the personality traits, the setting should include both the physical location and time period, the plot should summarize the major events, the conflict is a challenge or problem that drives the action, and the theme is the message or moral expressed in the story. Each slide should include images that relate to the information on the slide.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

English - Students entering Grade 8 are **required** to read ***Coraline*** by Neil Gaiman and complete the related assignment below:

Choose one of the following to write about based on the book Coraline:

- Sequel-what happens next?
- Prequel-what happened before?
- Alternate ending

Your paper must be, at least, 5 paragraphs long and follow the MLA format below:

- Proper heading on the left-hand side of your paper:
  - Your Name
  - English Teacher
  - English III
  - 6 September 2023
- Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Double spaced

The structure of your paper should be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph
  - Catchy first sentence and introduction
  - Who, what, when, where
- 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph
  - What happens first
- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph
  - What happens next
- 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph
  - What happens last
- 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph
  - Conclusion