

## **Sumner Academy Middle School 2023 Summer Reading Program**

Reading should be part of every student's summer! At Sumner Academy, we expect all incoming 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students to spend some of their vacation time reading.

You will find a reading list for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades attached. Each student must read the book assigned to their grade level. Since these are summer reading books, you will need to get your own book. You may purchase a hard copy, order the book for an e-reader, or check out the book from your local library.

After completing the book, the student will choose an option using the attached instructions. The assignment should be typed in a font size that is clear and easy to read. Students should use correct spelling, capitalization, and grammar usage. Students should use well-developed sentences and paragraphs for their grade level. If completing a visual component, neatness, and organization will be taken into consideration.

The summer reading book assignment will be turned in to each student's literature teacher on the first Tuesday of the school year. The book assignment will be entered as the student's first test grade in literature.

While encouragement from parents and family members is appreciated, please limit your involvement. Each student must read his or her own book and complete his or her own report.

We encourage Sumner Academy students to continue exploring other genres and book titles over the summer and anticipate hearing about some great new finds! Reading requirements for the 2023-2024 school year will be discussed when students return in July.

Enjoy your summer, get some rest, have some fun, and read!

## Summer Reading List 2023-2024

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*Bud, Not Buddy* – Christopher Paul Curtis

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

*Hatchet* – Gary Paulsen

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

*Saving Wonder*- Mary Knight

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

*The Little Prince* - Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

## **Summer Reading 2023 - Assignment Guidelines**

Pick one option and complete it for your summer reading book due the first Tuesday back to school. These options are for upcoming 5th - 7th-grade students. Upcoming 8th graders received their summer reading assignments from Mrs. Platz.

### **Option 1**

Create a short comic strip to summarize your summer reading assignment. It must include 3 separate comic strips each containing 4 boxes (total of 12 boxes).

Comic strip 1- Introduce the characters and setting of the book. Include 4 boxes and at least one direct quote from the book (with page number). 30 pts

Comic strip 2- Describe the plot and climax\* of the story. Include 4 boxes and one direct quote from the book (with page number). 30 pts

Comic strip 3- Describe the falling action and ending. Include 4 boxes and one direct quote from the book (with page number). 30 pts

Include a typed paragraph to explain the theme (moral or lesson learned). State the story's main problem and how it was solved. Describe how the lesson is learned in the story. 10 pts

**Total - 100pts**

## **Option 2**

Pick two characters from the book and create a character traits poster. Your poster must include the following pictures:

1. Physical appearance and personality – Typed paragraph describing the main character: what he/she looks like, personality traits, and importance to the overall story. Include a picture. 40 pts
2. List the character's likes, dislikes, worries, hopes/dreams. Include pictures. 20 pts
3. Describe relationships with other characters. Include pictures. 20pts
4. Written in paragraph format, an example of conflict\* for the character (internal or external). 20 pts

**Total - 100pts**

### Option 3

Create a shoebox diorama depicting the climax\*, setting\* or scene in the book.  
Include two typed paragraphs attached to the box.

Diorama: Accuracy – 25 pts  
Neatness – 10 pts  
Creativity – 15 pts  
Color – 10 pts

Total – 60pts

Paragraphs:

#1 Describe the scene you chose. Who are the characters involved? Where does it take place? What is happening in that scene? 20pts

#2 Why is the scene important to the story? How does it affect the rest of the story? 20 pts

**Total- 100 pts**

### Literary Terms Definitions:

**\*Climax - The high point in the action of the story's plot. It is a moment of great tension, also called the turning point.**

**\*Setting - This is the time and location of a literary work. In most stories, the setting serves as a backdrop for where characters interact. It can also help create a feeling or atmosphere.**

**\*Internal Conflict - A struggle that takes place within the mind of the character, such as a decision that must be made.**

**\*External Conflict - A struggle that takes place against some outside force, such as another person or group.**