

Dear Seventh Grade Class,

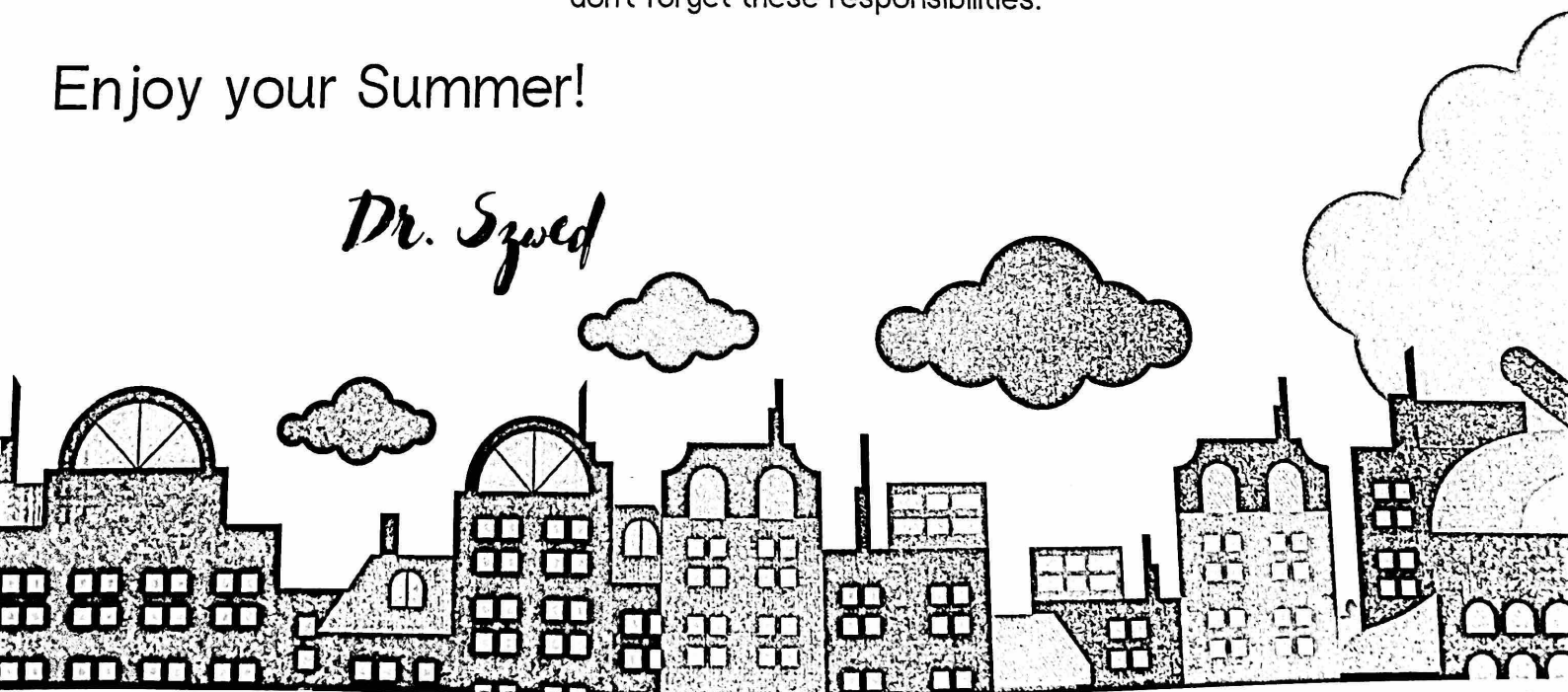
I am really looking forward to seeing you in Fall as seventh graders. I do believe that summer should be a time to be carefree during your youthful years, but I also think you should keep up with some reading and writing because while we must exercise our bodies, we must exercise our minds as well. I would like your class to read the book Starfish by Lisa Fipps at some point over the summer. This novel is a book written in prose about an extraordinary girl who lives a life of trauma due to her physical appearances. Others push for her to change the way she looks, but she is strong and steadfast. How does her life turn out in the end? Read on to see! For this book, you will be asked to complete a "Double Journal Entry" assignment. This requires you to find 12 different quotes throughout the entire book and write about what you believe is the significance of each of these different quotes. It may seem easy, but do take this assignment seriously and make sure you put in the effort - your grade will reflect the work you put into the assignment.

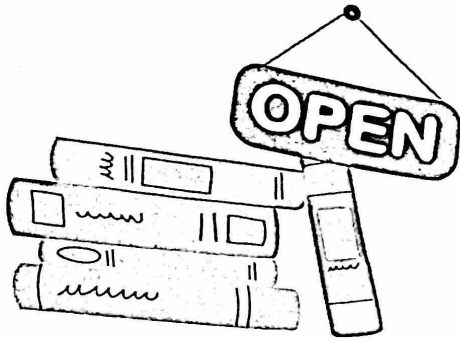
Secondly for the summer, I ask that you choose a book of your own. This book can be any length, but I do ask that you choose something that is at your reading level and something that you have not read before. You will design a physical book cover for this assignment. It can be the same cover as the book or any cover of a scene that you choose from the book. Inside the book cover will be 2 paragraphs about your overall synopsis of the book and your reaction to the book. Please put genuine effort into this project, as it will be displayed for all of the 7th and 8th graders in our school. If you don't know what to read, I have attached a list of books I suggested you check out and read.

Finally, if there is any tip that I can give you for these summer assignments, it is to take your time reading them and do not cram it in at the end. That will be your biggest regret! Enjoy your summer, but don't forget these responsibilities.

Enjoy your Summer!

Dr. Szved

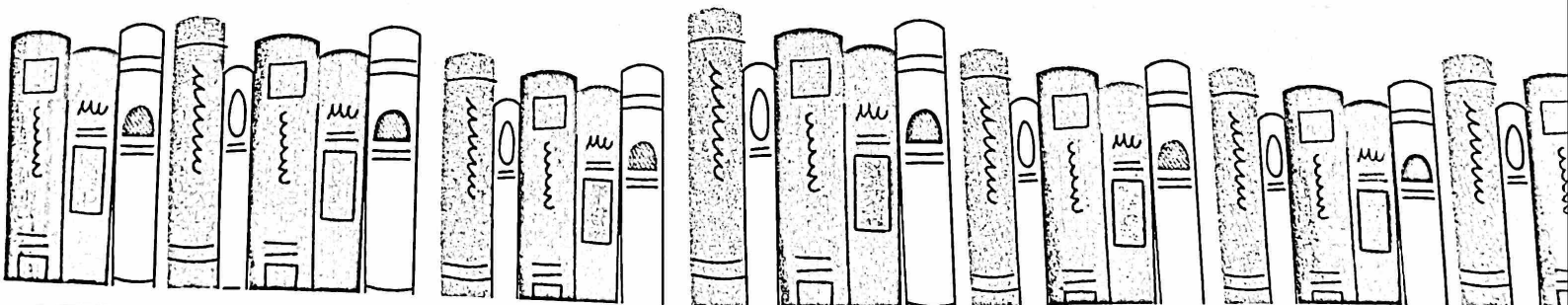




DOUBLE ENTRY JOURNAL

Name: _____ Class: _____

<p>1st Quotation:</p>	<p>Explanation of Significance:</p>
<p>2nd Quotation:</p>	<p>Explanation of Significance:</p>
<p>3rd Quotation:</p>	<p>Explanation of Significance:</p>



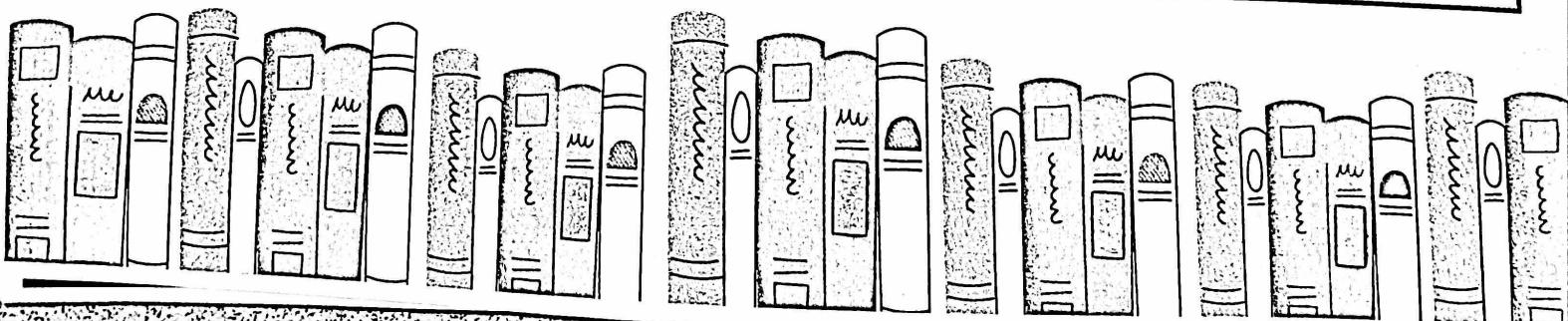
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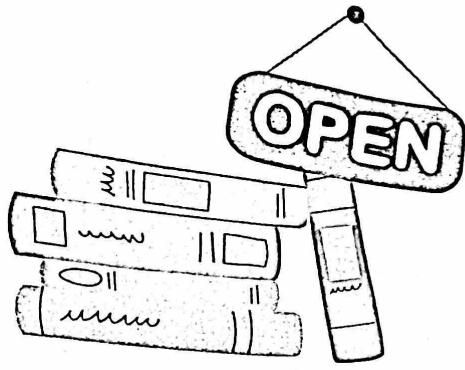
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4th Quotation:	Explanation of Significance:
5th Quotation:	Explanation of Significance:
6th Quotation:	Explanation of Significance:



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7th Quotation:

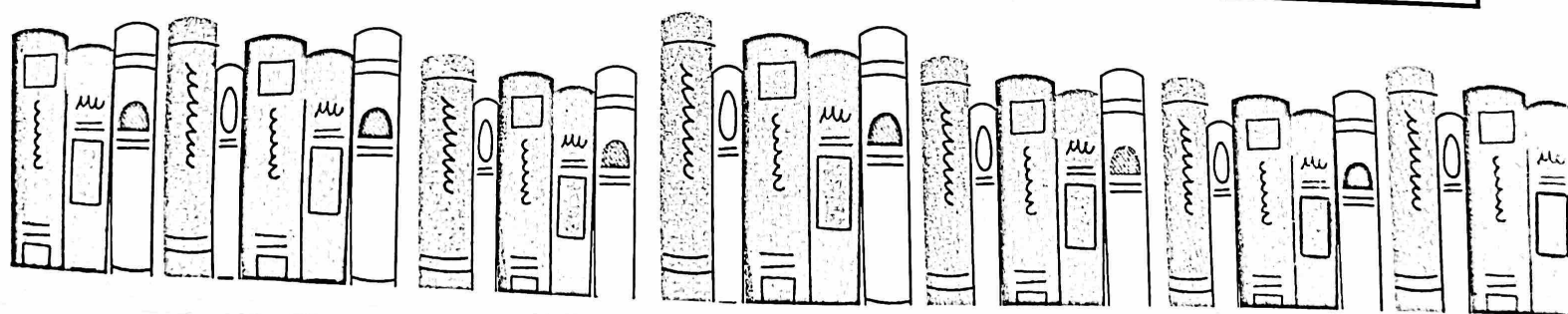
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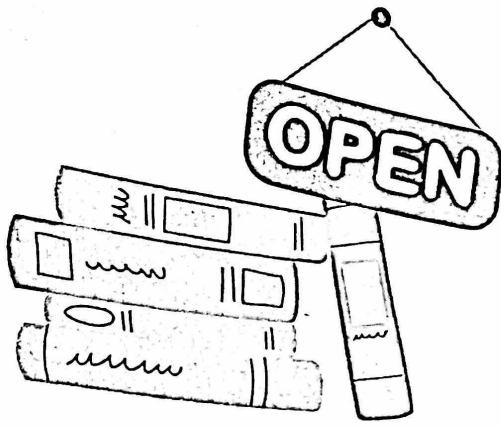
8th Quotation:

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9th Quotation:

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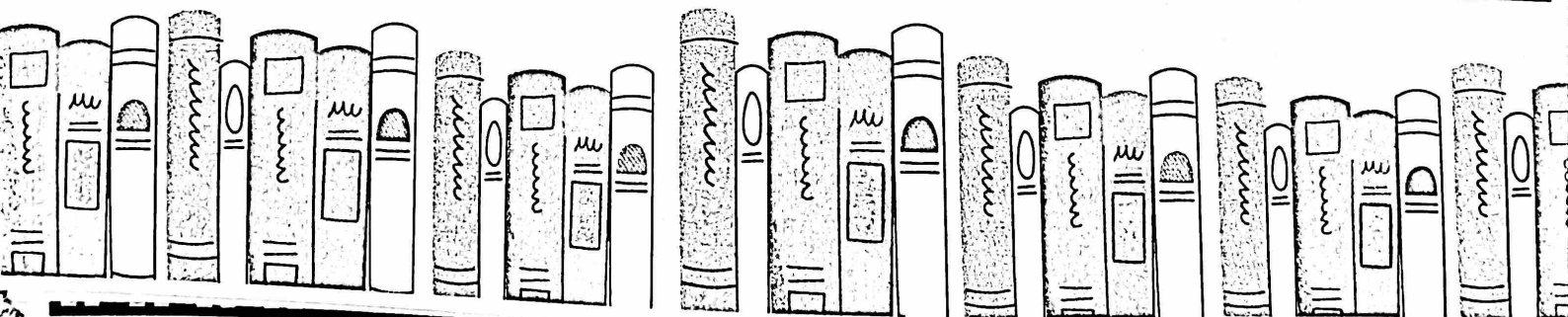




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10th Quotation:	Explanation of Significance:
11th Quotation:	Explanation of Significance:
12th Quotation:	Explanation of Significance:



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM DR. SZWED

WHILE I HAVE NOT READ EVERY BOOK ON THE LIST, FROM MY RESEARCH I DO BELIEVE THESE BOOKS ARE AGE APPROPRIATE AND OFFER A QUALITY OF LITERATURE

HISTORICAL FICTION

One Crazy Summer - Rita Williams Garcia
Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne
The Help - Kathryn Sockett
Esperanza Rising - Pam Muñoz Ryan
Before We Were Free - Julia Alvarez
Eleven - Tom Rogers
The Secret Life of Bees - Sue Monk Kidd
Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli
The Nightingale - Kristin Hannah

FANTASY

The Harry Potter Series - JK Rowling
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy - JRR Tolkien
The Girl Who Drank the Moon - Kelly Barnhill
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

SCIENCE FICTION

Red Queen - Victoria Aveyard
Cinder - Marissa Meyer
Flowers for Algernon - Daniel Keyes
Divergent Series - Veronica Roth
Maze Runner Series - James Dashner

COMING OF AGE

Stargirl - Jerry Spinelli

MYSTERY/THRILLER

And Then There Were None - Agatha Christie
Frankenstein - Mary Shelley
Game Changer - Tommy Greenwald
One of Us is Lying - Karen M. McManus

DYSTOPIAN

The Hunger Games Trilogy - Suzanne Collins
The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes - Suzanne Collins
Animal Farm - George Orwell
The Lord of the Flies - William Golding
Legend - Marie Lu
Maze Runner - James Dashner
Fahrenheit 451 - Kurt Vonnegut

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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REALISTIC FICTION

Front Desk - Kelly Yang
My Sister's Keeper - Jodi Picoult
Amal Unbound - Aisha Saeed
Cuba 15 - Nancy Osa
Chomp, Hoot, Scat, & Fish - Carl Hiaassen
Out of My Mind - Sharon Draper
Alan Gratz books

NON-FICTION

Lost Girl Found - Leah Bassoff and Laura DeLuca
Enrique's Journey - Sonia Nazario
Sweetgrass Basket - Marlene Carvell
Amelia Lost - Candace Fleming
Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt

PLAYS

Hamlet - William Shakespeare
Romeo and Juliet - William Shakespeare

AGE-APPROPRIATE MAGAZINES

Time (for kids)
National Geographic (for kids or adults, depending on their reading level)
Girl's Life Magazine
Boy's Life Magazine
Sports Illustrated
Brain Space