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RE: Reading and Writing Requirements and School Supplies

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Seventh Grade. Summer is a great time for your child to practice what he/she has learned throughout the school year. There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading for enjoyment. Writing is also important, and it is more important than ever than our children learn to express themselves clearly and logically in as many ways as possible.

This year I am giving my students two summer projects help them to review reading and writing skills. Summer reading is meant to be enjoyable and we do not want students to have to struggle; we want reading to be fun and relaxing. I am recommending two books for your child to read this summer, from which they should pick one on which to write a report. Of course, they may read both.

Their choices are:

1. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
2. *Tentacle and Wing* by Sarah Porter

There will be a short writing assignment about the book your child reads once school starts in September.

Your child's summer writing project should be an essay that answers the following question:

Which is most important, talent or hard work?

Whichever position they choose, they should write a five paragraph essay as their full answer to the question. Their initial paragraph should state their position and three reasons for their position, and each reason should be developed in a separate body paragraph. Finally, they should write a concluding paragraph that sums up their argument. This is due on the first day of school.

In addition to these assignments, we will be using our online content providers for summer work this year. **Students should do at least 1 hour on Dreambox per week (20 minutes a day) and 1 hour a week (20 minutes a day) on their reading content providers (Razkids, Lexia, or Achieve 3000).** We will be monitoring their progress and time on each throughout the summer.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

All my best to you and yours.

Mr. Cline

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the seventh grade! We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us. Before we start our routine for the 2020-2021 school year, it is important that we encourage continued learning and practice throughout the summer. According to NWEA, students across third through eighth grade can see a summer learning loss between 20 to 50 percent in math and reading. We can prevent this with continued practice in both subjects!

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, students should be spending at least one hour on DreamBox per week (20 minutes per day) practicing concepts and skills necessary to know for next year. We will be monitoring their progress and time throughout the summer.

Dreambox Link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/uhsp/rp8x>

Additional websites for practice:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

<https://www.aaamath.com/>

Have a great summer!

Ms. Scocozzo

Math Teacher

