Summer Reading Program – Entering 7th Graders Theme: Family and Friends

Required Reading Book



Dunk by David Lubar: The slightly tawdry world of boardwalk arcades along the New Jersey shore is just one of the attractions of Lubar's (Hidden Talents) engrossing novel. From the first moment soon-tobe-11th-grader Chad hears the boardwalk clown hurling insults ("His voice ripped the air like a chain saw," the novel begins), the teen is mesmerized. The "bozo," whose witty barbs lure passersby to try and drop him into a water tank, represents all that Chad is not: "Nobody ignored him. Nobody looked down on him or told him he was a loser." The boy adds working as a bozo to his list of goals-along with seeing a certain girl again-for what he hopes will be "the greatest summer of his life." But plans go awry when a rival beats him to the romance punch, his best friend is struck with a life-threatening illness, and Chad has run-ins not only with the police but also with the bozo himself, a troubled man who sublets a room in Chad's house. As Chad surmounts each challenge, he shakes off the shadow of his deadbeat absent father and learns the difference between "a laugh that can cut you up worse than a knife" and laughter that heals. Lubar ably charts a watershed summer between boyhood and manhood; the boardwalk bozo serves as a deft metaphor for the power and control for which adolescents hunger.

Additional Reading Book

You *must* choose a second book under the same theme of "Family and Friends."

Requirements

- 1. Read both *Dunk* and your choice book, which is under the same theme.
- 2. Reflect in writing on the following items from each of the books:
 - o Connections: text-text, text-world, and text-self
 - Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society)
 - Setting, plot, characterization
- 3. Locate five or more additional and varied resources related to the same theme (e.g. choose an assortment of the following: newspaper/magazine articles, Internet sources, pamphlets, short stories, poems) and explain how each different resource relates to the theme.
- 4. Locate graphics and images to support novel and theme.
- 5. Produce *one project* presenting your written reflections (plus quotes from the book) and the additional resources found on the theme of "Family and Friends" and how it relates to both books.
 - Choose one of the following options to present your findings:
 - Glogster (virtual poster)
 - Magazine Page Layout/Article
 - Newspaper Page Layout/Article
 - ➢ Photostory[◊]

- PowerPoint
- Scrapbook
- ➢ Vodcast (video recording)[◊]
- > Webpage
- Podcast (audio recording)^o

\circ For Photostory, Podcast, and Vodcast, the written script needs to be submitted.

- Follow the criteria on the rubric while putting your presentation together.
- You will be expected to have your project and novel ready to hand in to your Language Arts teacher on the first full day of school.
- Plagiarism will result in a failing grade.

Summer Reading – 2012 Suggested Books – Entering Grade 7 Theme: Family and Friends



Title	Author		
The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had	Kristen Levine		
Big Mouth Ugly Girl	Joyce Carol Oates		
Shark Girl	Kelly Bingham		
Zen and the Art of Faking It	Jordan Sonnenblick		
Harry Potter Series	J.K. Rowling		
Heat	Mike Lupica		
If I Stay	Gail Forman		

This is a suggested book list. You may select a different title under the same theme of "Family and Friends." If selecting a different title (not on this list), please check the book's reading level with a librarian or a bookstore associate.

How-To Sheets Entering Grade 7

ALL HOW-TO SHEETS ARE ALSO ON THE MANVILLE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER STUDENT PORTAL



Scrapbook

Novel reflections should be written neatly on lined paper or computer generated. Elements 2-9 should be written in paragraph form (at least 7 sentences/paragraph). Clearly label sections so that your teacher can easily identify your responses.

Elements:

- 1. Name, date, title, author, publisher, and copyright
- 2. Summary
- 3. Theme description
- 4. Description of one conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, character vs. society)
- 5. Connections: text-text, text-self, text-world
- 6. Setting
- 7. Plot
- 8. Characterization
- 9. Recommendation

Scrapbook reflections should include 5 or more resources (e.g., newspaper/magazine articles, Internet sources, pamphlets, photographs, short stories, poems, etc.) with a reflection for each resource (these reflections should be written in paragraph form with at least 7 sentences/paragraph).

- This resource is related to my theme because...
- I learned, from this resource, that...
- From this resource, I made a connection to my own life...
- When I read this, it made me feel...
- One new vocabulary word I learned from this resource was...which means...
- If I had the opportunity to thank the author of this resource, would say...
- If I were to make a motion picture from this resource, I would call it..., and would select... to play the lead role.



Newspaper/magazine layout/article

• To compose a newspaper layout or a magazine layout, follow the directions and requirements for designing a scrapbook. Instead of making your presentation look like a scrapbook, focus on making it look like a newspaper or a magazine.



<u>PowerPoint</u>

Step-by-Step Directions for Using PowerPoint

- Go to Manville School Website at http://manvilleschools.org/manville
- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on <u>Summer Math & Reading</u>
- Click on <u>PowerPoint Resources</u>

PowerPoint Presentations should be at least 15 slides in length and include all requirements outlined in the Summer Reading Rubric. Each slide should have a clear purpose with some type of title or heading located at the top of the slide.

Reflection Slides should include 5 or more resources with a reflection for each resource (these reflections should appear as one resource per slide and be written in bullet form with at least 5-7 bullets per slide).

- This resource is related to my theme because...
- I learned, from this resource, that...
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Optional: To enhance you PowerPoint you may use any of the following:

- Animations (images, slide transitions, sound effects, text/picture transitions)
- Audio/Video links (internet based)
- Additional slides (timelines, graphs, charts)



Glogster

Step-by-Step Directions for Using Glogster

- Go to Manville School Website at http://manvilleschools.org/manville
- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on Summer Math & Reading
- Click on Additional Technology Resources



Podcast (audio recording)

Step-by-Step Directions for Using Podcasts

- Go to Manville School Website at http://manvilleschools.org/manville
- Click on <u>Student Portal</u> under <u>Quick Links</u>
- Click on <u>Summer Math & Reading</u>
- Click on Additional Technology Resources



Vodcast (video recording)

Step-by-Step Directions for Using Vodcasts

- Go to Manville School Website at http://manvilleschools.org/manville
- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on <u>Summer Math & Reading</u>
- Click on Additional Technology Resources



Step-by-Step Directions for Using Photostory

- Go to Manville School Website at http://manvilleschools.org/manville
- Click on <u>Student Portal</u> under <u>Quick Links</u>
- Click on <u>Summer Math & Reading</u>
- Click on Additional Technology Resources

Summer Reading – Entering 7th grade

Tasks	Novice	Apprentice	Practitioner	Expert
Reflections and Additional Resources	 Name, date, title, author Mentions the theme 1 connections for each novel: text-text, text-self, text-world Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society) Setting, plot, characterization 1-2 additional resources for the theme (not each book) 	 Name, date, title, author Describes the theme in both novels 2 connections for each novel: text-text, text-self, text-world Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society) Setting, plot, characterization 3-4 additional resources for the theme (not each book) One or two types of resources are utilized more than once (e.g. 2 poems, 2 articles, etc.) 	 Name, date, title, author Detailed theme description that examines both novels 3 connections for each novel: text-text, text-self, text-world Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society) Setting, plot, characterization 5 or more additional resources for the theme (not each book) Each type of resource is different from one another (e.g. 1 poem, 1 article, etc.) 	All of Practitioner PLUS additional resources are varied in type and/or additional technology
Organization	 Sets up and maintains a clear focus to the required theme Sections are clearly labeled and organized Maintains overall neatness Handwritten 	 Sets up and maintains a clear focus to the required theme Sections are clearly labeled and organized Maintains overall neatness Typed or handwritten in blue or black pen 	 Sets up and maintains a clear focus to the required theme Sections are clearly labeled and organized Maintains overall neatness Typed 	 All of Practitioner PLUS □ a reference list/bibliography is composed
Quality and Creativity of Resources	 Develops the theme in an interesting and imaginative way Incorporates 1-2 graphics/images throughout the project Resources connect to the theme 	 Develops the theme in an interesting and imaginative way Incorporates 3-4 graphics/images throughout the project Some resources are reliable, creative, thought provoking and connects to the theme 	 Develops the theme in an interesting and imaginative way Incorporates 5 or more graphics/images throughout the project All resources are reliable, creative, thought provoking and connects to the theme 	All of Practitioner <i>PLUS</i> Project and resources exhibit a higher sophisticated style (e.g. use of scholarly articles, personal artistic creations, combination of primary and secondary sources
Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Spelling	 Few spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors Has a variety of sentence formations Uses correct sentence construction Uses correct tense and subject-verb agreement 	 Few spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors Has vivid language, fluidity, and a sense of engagement and voice. Personal tone is evident Has a variety of sentence formations Uses correct sentence construction Uses correct tense and subject-verb agreement 		 All of Practitioner PLUS Reflections and project exhibits a higher sophisticated style correct use of thesaurus to increase vocabulary correct use of varied sentence structures by using semi-colons, etc. compositional risks
Presentation	 Error-free in pronunciation 2-3 minutes in length Voice is audible Well organized and planned 	 Error-free in pronunciation 3-4 minutes in length Maintains eye contact Voice is audible Well organized and planned 	 Error-free in pronunciation 4-5 minutes in length Maintains eye contact Voice is audible Well organized and planned 	All of Practitioner <i>PLUS</i> engages audience by taking questions and presenting additional comments