

Virginia Beach Friends School Middle School Summer Reading 2018

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Joseph Addison

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy Summer! Congratulations on a successful year. To keep everyone's reading skills sharp during the coming weeks, Friends Middle School students have been assigned summer reading.

Choose any two fiction or nonfiction books, as long as they meet the following guidelines:

- ➔Books should be at least 150 pages
- ➔Books should be at a middle school reading level (or above)
- ➔Books should be "new to you," not ones you've read before

For each book, students should complete one activity from the list below.

Summer Reading Activities:

- Create a list of five questions to ask the main character in the book. Then, answer the questions as you think the main character would.*
- Draw a portrait of one of the main characters. Use captions to explain why he/she looks and dresses like they do.*
- Create a comic strip that explains the story in your own words. Make sure the comic strip includes the main character, the setting, the problem/conflict, and the solution.*
- Create a playlist of 7-10 songs that you think best represent the book. Be sure to explain why you chose each song.*
- Write a book review.*
- Design your own book cover.*
- Draw a fake "Facebook" page for one of the characters in the book. Be sure to include groups the character would join, at least three status updates, and five people the character would friend. Give a brief explanation why you chose the groups and friends you did.*

Reading activities are due by Friday, September 14th.

Please feel free to contact me at TMegan@friends-school.org, if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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