

Virginia Beach Friends School  
Middle School Summer Reading 2021

*"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.

### **Rising 5th and 6th Grade Students**

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

- Books should be at least 120 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. .*
- Write a book review. Be sure to include the title, author, setting, plot and main*

*characters in your review. Explain why you did or did not enjoy the book.*

- *Design a new cover for the book.*

## **Rising 7th and 8th Grade Students**

Choose any **three** 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.

- *Create a list of eight questions to ask the main character in the book. Then, answer the questions as you think the main character would.*
- *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. Be sure to include the title, author, setting, plot, and main characters in your review. Explain why you did or did not enjoy the book.*

Reading activities are due by Tuesday, September 14th

Please feel free to contact me at [Megan@vbfschool.org](mailto:Megan@vbfschool.org), if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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