

8TH GRADE

SUMMER READING PROJECT

June 2, 2023

Dear Parents of Incoming Eighth Graders,

Engaging your child in reading is essential to building good comprehension skills. The best way to begin working on improving reading comprehension is to read, read and read again! This summer, in preparation for eighth grade ELA courses your child will be expected to read the novel "The Giver" written by Lois Lowry.

Your child will complete a POWERPOINT presentation project once they have completed reading the book. The POWERPOINT presentation must contain 6 slides.

Six slide minimum

(Slide 1) Student's name, the title of the book and the author's name.

(Slide 2-3) A summary of the story with pictures

(Slide 4) Description of characters and purpose

(Slide 5) The theme of the story supported with evidence

(Slide 6) A personal book review and recommendation



All students have access to the POWERPOINT program through their www.dadeschools.net portal in the Office 365 tab. If your child is not comfortable in using the POWERPOINT program, they may create a poster using the same categories. Please see the rubric on the back that will be used to grade the presentation.

This project will be due on Friday, August 18th, 2023, which is the first Friday of the new school year. We urge your child to be *ORIGINAL* and *CREATIVE* since this will be their first required assignment for their 8th grade ELA class. In addition, during the first two weeks of school, your child will take a comprehension test on the book. The presentation, along with their test score, will be their first ELA grades.

Thank You Very Much!

The 8th Grade ELA Team

Summer Reading Project Rubric

Power Point: *Your presentation will be given points based on the following criteria.*

- Oral presentation (0 - 5) points: Students must be able to present their project without reading directly from the presentation. They need to be prepared to present and discuss the book.
- Writing/Grammar (0 - 4) points: The students writing, grammar, and punctuation should be correct and acceptable for an incoming seventh grader.
- Book Title and Author 1 point: On the title page of your presentation, you must include the title of the book and the author.
- Summary of the book (0 - 3) points: Included in the presentation there must be one slide with a short summary of the book. The summary must include only the IMPORTANT details from the beginning to the end of the story.
- Description of Main Character (0 - 2) points: Included in the presentation there must be one slide with a short description of the main character. What character traits make this character special?
- Description of Theme of the story (0 - 2) points: Included in the presentation there must be one slide with a short description of the theme, and what evidence shows/proves the theme.
- Creativity (0 - 2) points: We encourage students to make their presentation as creative as they want. It is their time to impress their teachers!
- Neatness / Organization 1 point: The presentation should be very well organized and neat, showing that it was not put together at the last minute.

Comprehension Test: *The score received on the reading comprehension test will be the grade given.*

Grade Breakdown

- 19 - 20 points (90 - 100%) : A
- 17 - 18 points (80 - 89%) : B
- 15 - 16 points (70 - 79%) : C
- 13 - 14 points (60 - 69%) : D
- 12 - 1 points (59 - 5 %) : F

If your child does not complete the project, it will be a Z (zero) in the gradebook!