

Dear Incoming 8th Graders,

Summer reading and writing are important steps toward keeping your brain sharp and retaining what you learned in the past academic year. We will be picking up in the fall at a brisk pace as you get ready to take the HSPTs and apply to high schools. High Schools look for students who have strong vocabularies and reading comprehension skills. One of the keys to summer work is to space it out, not to do it all at the beginning or all at the end of the break. Pacing yourself also keeps the workload from feeling like too much of a burden. Procrastination or completing the work within the first few weeks of summer will not help you achieve the goal of a well-maintained brain!

ALL of your summer work is due_____. There are no excuses in 8th grade. If your printer has problems then you need to bring in a note signed by a parent or guardian, and you are expected to have your work on a flash drive ready to be printed. These assignments are your first grades of the school-year. Be prepared and do your best work. Please email us over the summer if you have any questions about the summer work. We look forward to working with you in the fall.

Thank you,

Mrs. Formosa – aformosa@olmc-school.org

Mrs. DeMore- sdemore@olmc-school.org

Mrs. Lipari- rlipari@olmc-school.org

Requirements (Yes, there is some stuff you have to do!):

In addition to reading lots of books you choose, you have THREE mandatory books. You will need to choose one fiction novel the reading list. The non-fiction novel with is listed below and will be review in social studies class with Mrs. Lipari. The third novel is a Catholic Identity novel(s) required to be read by all incoming 8th graders and will be reviewed in Religion class with Mrs. DeMore.

After reading your fiction novel, complete the Choice Book Grid assignment.

Fiction Novel Choices: (Choose one)

Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draneen

Hero by Mike Lupica

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Green

That was Then, This is Now by S.E. Hinton

Non-Fiction Novel: *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson

Mrs. Lipari will give you her requires assignment.

Catholic Identity Novel: Available through <http://www.ignatius.com> or <http://store.casamaria.org/>

FOR GIRLS: ***Olivia's Gift*** by Nancy Carabio Belanger

FOR BOYS: ***The Gate*** by Nancy Carabio Belanger

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