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Dear Parents and Students,

How exciting to be entering the 7th grade! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to seventh grade. A good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between parent, student, and teacher.

Our expectations for conduct and standards for academic growth are high. With your participation in and out of the classroom we are looking forward to a highly productive, creative, rewarding year together. We have implemented in the 7th and 8th grade, Google Classroom, in which students are required to view and complete assignments online. Please check your email periodically and complete all assignments that are on Google Classroom.

Students are asked to bring the following supplies and fee on the first day of school:

- 2 boxes of tissue
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 2 Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- 10 composition notebooks
- 4 folders
- 4 packs of lined notebook paper
- 5 highlighters (blue,green,yellow,orange, pink)
- 3 Scotch tape
- 2 glue Sticks
- 10 pads of Post-its notes (3X3in)
- 2 packs of Post-it Flag Tabs
- 1 pack 9x12in construction paper
- 1 12in ruler
- 2 packs EXPO dry erase markers
- Calculator
- 2 reams of computer paper (500 sheets)
- One pair of earphones
- pens (black, blue, red)
- pencils and pencil sharpener
- Index cards (3x5in)
- 1 pack of markers
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 pack of graph paper
- \$40 student Fee
- Uniform (**Gray Polo**, Black/Navy Blue pants)
- 1 pack 12x18in construction paper

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Ms. Sanchez at masanchez14@cps.edu, Mrs. Field at khillger@cps.edu, Ms. Kitsuse at ekitsuse@cps.edu, Mrs. Morahan at knehrenberg@cps.edu, or Ms. Dunipace aldunipace@cps.edu.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 4, 2018!!!

7th Grade Required Reading Assignment DUE: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

All incoming 7th graders are required to complete a reading for the first day of school. This assignment is worth 50 points, and will be your first grade of the quarter in reading.

READING

Students must read **two** young adult novels (at least 200 pages) and write a 1-2 page **typed** 5-paragraph response essay for **each** novel in Times New Roman 12 pt. font.

Response Essay Format:

- **Paragraph One (Introduction):** Introduce your novel, include the title, author, and explain why you selected the novel.
- **Paragraph Two:** Provide a short synopsis/plot summary of your novel. Be sure to include the main characters, setting (time and place), conflict, resolution, and theme of the story.
- **Paragraph Three:** Explain how you relate/connect or don't relate/connect to the main character or the main issue/conflict in your novel. Consider characters' personality, background, actions, choices, and thinking.
- **Paragraph Four:** Explain what you liked best about the novel and/or your favorite parts and author's craft/writing. Include thoughts, opinions, and reactions.
- **Paragraph Five (Conclusion):** Sum up your essay and discuss who you would recommend the novel to and explain why.

*****The key to successfully completing each response essay is to explain, explain, explain! You must support all your thoughts, opinions, and reactions with evidence from the text and your own thinking (explanation).**

2017 SUMMER SUGGESTED READING LIST

● The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman (930L)	● Slam! by Walter Dean Myers (750L)
● Tangerine by Edward Bloor (680L)	● A Wrinkle in Time by L'Engle Madeleine (740L)
● The Giver by Louis Lowry (760L)	● Wrinker by Jerry Spinelli (690L)
● StarGirl by Jerry Spinelli (590L)	● Crash by Jerry Spinelli (560L)
● So B. It by Sarah Weeks (860L)	● Call of the Wild by Jack London (990L)
● Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (780L)	● Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (580L)
● Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor (920L)	● Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer (930L)
● And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (570L)	● That Was Then, This Is Now by S.E. Hinton (780L)
● The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton (750L)	● The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis (630L)
● Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (1000L)	● Max the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (930L)
● <u>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</u> by <u>Betty Smith</u> (810L)	● Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (770L)

*****To recap, you will be turning in two (1- 2 pages each) typed novel response essays for reading. See you in September!***