

Dear Future Seventh Graders:

Here is your summer reading assignment. All book reports are due on the first day of the school.

The assigned books are:

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson –

1) For this novel, I would like you to write detailed chapter summaries. A half-page summary for each chapter should be sufficient. Please keep all summaries in a spiral notebook. You will be tested on this story.

2) In addition to the summaries, I'd like you to answer the following essay questions on binder paper:

How does the character of Travis mature in the story? Use details from the book (minimum one page response)

Describe the loss Travis experiences in the novel. How did it affect him? (minimum half a page)

3) Finally, sketch and color your favorite scene from the novel. Use plain white paper.

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg –

1) For this second novel, I would also like you to write detailed chapter summaries. These summaries can be kept in the same notebook you used for the Old Yeller report. You will be tested on this story.

2) In addition to the summaries, I'd like you to do some research on the artist Michelangelo Buonarroti and answer the following questions on binder paper:

-How would you describe the work of this artist? (minimum 1 paragraph response)

-Why would the character of Claudia be drawn to his work? (minimum 1 paragraph response)

-List at least three famous works and their locations by this artist. Provide pictures of each.

3) Finally, on a piece of copy or drawing paper, sketch your own version of the Angel statue from the book. Use pencil only..

Your third book is FREE CHOICE. You must select a novel (fiction book). For your report you will do an illustration book report. For each chapter of the story, sketch and color a detailed scene. Explain in a few sentences the significance of the scene

you selected. Be prepared to present this report to the class using the class document camera. Please – no stick figures or sloppy drawings. You will need to bring the book with you to class on the first day of school.

Please start your summer reading and the reports as soon as possible. Ask any questions before we leave for summer break. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O'Hara

This is to be signed and submitted on the first day of school in the fall.

My child _____ has read all three books and completed all three book reports.

Parent Signature/Date _____

Student Signature/Date _____