

June 1, 2010

Dear Parents and Eighth Grade Students,

Listed below are the summer reading list and accompanying assignments. The assignments are due during the first week of school.

Required book: Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

AND

Choose one of the following books: Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

The Mystery of Drear House by Virginia Hamilton

Assignment: Type the following report for each book in size 12 font. Be sure to revise, proofread and edit before producing your final copy. Each paragraph should be a minimum of 6 – 8 sentences.

1. Paragraph 1: Introductory paragraph  
Write a paragraph with a thesis statement. Be sure to include the book title (underlined) and the name of the author.
2. Paragraph 2: Write a paragraph about the main characters. Include their names and what they are like. This will include a personality description and a physical description.
3. Paragraph 3: Write about the conflict in the story. It may be man vs. man, man vs. self, or man vs. some other power.
4. Paragraph 4: Begin the summary by writing about the rising action of your story. This is the part of the book in which the events build up and the reader finds out who is involved.
5. Paragraph 5: Write about the climax or the highpoint of the book. All the action in the book builds up to this point.
6. Paragraph 6: Write about the ending or how the story is wrapped up.
7. Paragraph 7: The concluding paragraph is the reader's response to the book. Discuss its weakness or strengths. Give examples from the book to support your opinion.