

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Reading

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due \_\_\_\_\_

2023 - 2024

Score \_\_\_\_\_/52

Welcome to seventh grade! I hope that you have a wonderful and relaxing summer. Remember to:

- take time to relax
- enjoy the world around you
- spend time with God, family, and friends
- nourish your mind
- read

Read many different forms of literature. This can include news and magazine articles, comic books, recipes, manuals, directions, novels, etc. There are many different types of literature, so absorb all that you can this summer.

Am I required to read? Who wouldn't want to? Each student is required to read *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai and to **write or type a book review** following the format provided. Use the rubric to check your writing progress. ***(The book review will be written in class upon return to school. You are welcome to write your own synopsis or to take notes to use when writing the review when we return to school.)***

For all the ten years of her life, Ha has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, the warmth of her friends close by, the beauty of her own papaya tree. But the Vietnam War has reached her home. Ha and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope.

This is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.

*This summary is taken from the back cover of Inside Out & Back Again.*

**Choose a second book** (age and grade appropriate) to read. Be prepared to share this novel with your class in a presentation:

- the title
- the author
- the genre
- the setting
- the theme (an underlying message or the big idea of a story)
- a BRIEF summary of the story (no more than five sentences)
- a BRIEF character description of the protagonist (use one character trait and use an event from the story to illustrate that character trait - include the page number)
- Why you would recommend this story and to whom
- Bring a copy of the book to class to provide a visual.

The above information will be shared with your classmates in a presentation. Although no information is required to be written, you may want to include the above information on an index card for reference.

I am looking forward to hearing about the adventures you take with the characters in the novels when we start your seventh grade year at SGCS! Have a wonderful summer! Mrs. Timme