

Welcome to 7th Grade

June 9, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians and Seventh Graders,

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer. While you may have plans to go on vacation, camp or staying local, be sure to have fun, and stay safe.

As you may already know, “studies show that all youth experience learning loss in reading as well as academic areas over the summer if they do not participate in a range of educational activities that keep their brains engaged.” It is important to keep the mind active by engaging in educational experiences and reading. For that reason, I have chosen three books for the summer reading. One book is required and you have a choice of one of the two other books. The books are listed below. Additional nonfiction reading support is available by using Achieve 3000. Achieve 3000 is offering exciting weekly prizes and a grand prize drawing for working towards and completing 40 activities over the summer. Read the Attached flyer from Achieve 3000 for more information.

The Pigman by Paul Zindel (required)

We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler by Russell Freedman (optional)

The Runner by Cynthia Voight (optional)

As you read both books, pay attention to any **signposts** you recognize. Use post-its or annotate in the margins when you come across a **signpost**. Use the attached signpost bookmark as a guide. For one of the books, **choose one chapter** in which you will perform a **close reading**.

Directions: Choose three of the six symbols from the **Close Read Symbol** chart below to do a close read of the text. (This means that you will underline the part you want to put a symbol next to, and put the symbol in the margin next to what you underlined.)

Symbol	Comments/Question/Response	Sample Language Support
?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions I Have• Confusing parts for me	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My question about this part is...• I'm confused about this part because...
+	Ideas/statements I agree with	I agree with this character because...
-	Ideas/statements I disagree with	I disagree with this character because...
*	Significant ideas	I think this part is significant because...
!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shocking statements or parts• Emotional parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was shocked to read that ... (further explanation)• The part about ___ made me feel...
O	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ideas/sections you connect with• What this reminds you of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This section reminded me of...• This experience connects with my own experience in that...

For other reading suggestions, the Library in East Brunswick has the following reading lists available.

6/7th Grade- <http://www.ebpl.org/kids/PDF/Grade-6-7-Reading-List.pdf>

Teen reads- <http://www.ebpl.org/teens/teen-reads.cfm>

For further information on the summer slide, read the following:

[http://gradelevelreading.net/wp-](http://gradelevelreading.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/StopSummerAcademicLoss_MetaMetricsWhitepaper.pdf)

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<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/adopting-summer-learning-approach-increased-impact-yalsa-position-paper>

IXL Practice (Use the 6th grade activities in IXL)

Math

Whole Numbers A.1 – A.6

Multiplication B.1 – B.8

Division C.1 – C.5

ELA

Commas A.1 – A.5

Common & Proper Nouns T.1

Regular Plural Nouns U.1- U.4

Adjectives II.1-2

Pronouns & Antecedents W.1 – W.2

Possessive Pronouns Y. 1

Supplies for Seventh Grade

- 6 composition notebooks (not spiral)
- 2 pocket folders with clasps (Reading and Writing Folder)
- 3 pocket folders
- Post-its, 3x3 and 2x2 sizes
- Pens, red and blue
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils/markers
- 1 zippered pencil case to hold all seventh grade supplies (no art boxes needed)
- a roll of paper towels
- a container of disinfectant wipes
- a bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 ruler
- 1 graphing calculator

Please replace any missing school supplies throughout the year.

Thank you,

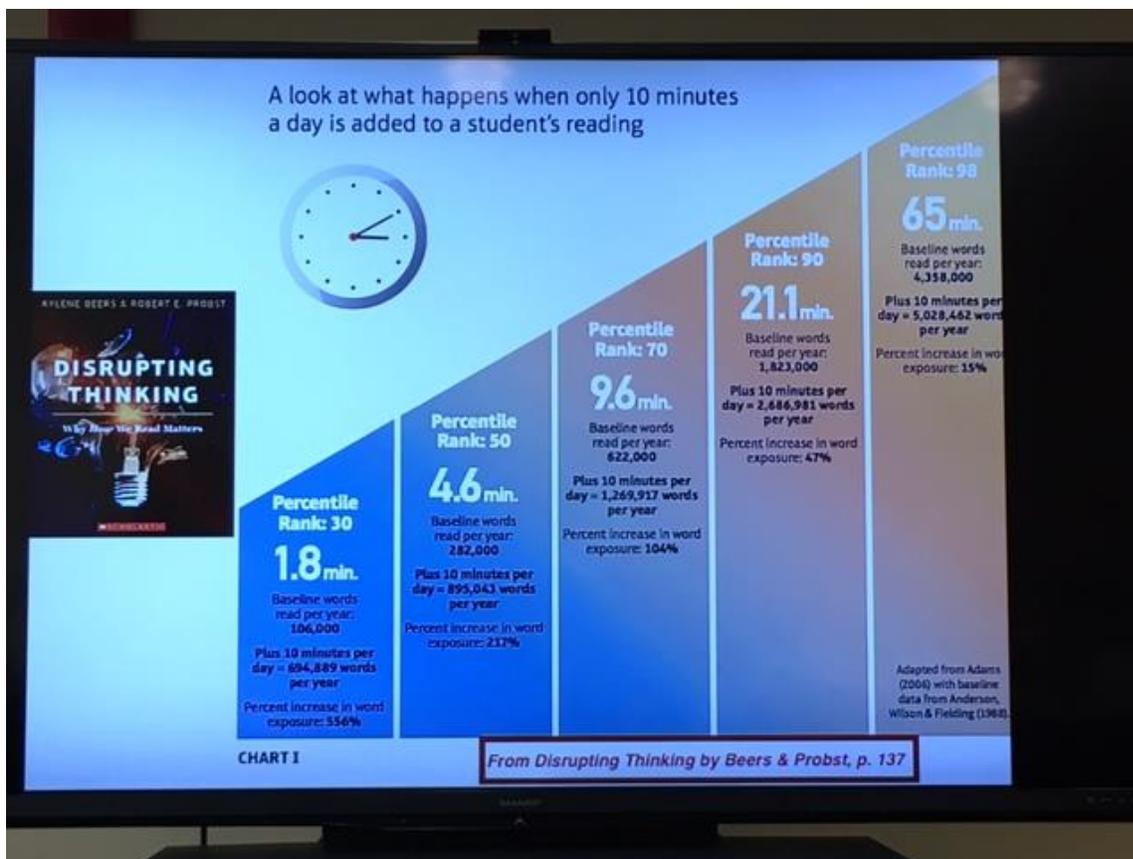
Mrs. Williams,

Mrs. Fassold

Reading Volume of Fifth-Grade Students of Different Levels of Achievement (Based on In and Out of School Reading Logs)

Achievement Percentile	Minutes of Reading per Day	Words per Year
90th	40.4	2,357,000
50th	12.9	601,000
10th	1.6	51,000

Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988



These charts (from a study by Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988 and published in *Disrupting Thinking* by Beers & Probst, respectively) demonstrate the powerful impact daily reading has on a student's reading and achievement levels.

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Aha Moment

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Tough Questions

When a character asks herself a very difficult question, **STOP** and ask yourself, "What does this question make me wonder about?"

Words of the Wiser

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Again & Again

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