

Dear Incoming 7th Grader,

Congratulations on being chosen to be a student in next year's seventh grade Literature and Composition class. It is both an honor and a responsibility to be selected by your sixth grade Language Arts teacher to be in this class. It will be a challenging course but also a stimulating one marked by classroom discussion of great literature, expansion of your vocabulary, and daily work to improve your writing skills. Your summer reading will consist of three books. You will then come back in August and take a comprehensive test and complete a project.

1. Read *The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney and be prepared to take an exam on the book when you return to school in August. The format includes matching, multiple choice, and an essay question. To complete the essay portion of the test, you will need to identify and understand the following in your reading:
 - Be able to determine the rising and falling action, climax, and resolution in the novel.
 - Be able to identify examples of the following forms of figurative language: metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, and irony in the book.
 - Be able to explain whether each of the main characters in the novel is round or flat and either dynamic or static.

The other two books are your choice. The weekly reading logs can be found on the Google Classroom site. The class name is **Lit & Comp with Schear** and the code is **wbkrv4**. It's always a good idea to have a parent or adult approve the book titles you plan to read as some young adult novels have plots and themes that your parents may find inappropriate until you are older. They will be guiding and supervising your reading over the summer months. When we meet again in August, we will be using those two books to do projects. I will be collecting the summer reading logs for the two books you read over the summer the first week of school. Come prepared and please don't leave your reading until the last week or two of the summer. Have a great summer, see you in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Schear

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