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Challenging Minds... Capturing Hearts... Cultivating Gifts

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on the completion of another school year! The following is the 8th grade summer reading requirement for the summer of 2022. The purpose of summer reading is to enjoy literature as well as prevent students' reading and writing skills from regressing. Please have your students enjoy their books as they refresh and recuperate this summer.

8th Grade—Read *out of my mind* by Sharon M. Draper and write 3 paragraphs as explained on following page

In addition, students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes daily during the summer. Many times, students will make a lot of progress during the school year, but when they do not read daily over the summer, they often lose reading development...kids who do read tend to gain reading proficiency.

If you have any questions please direct them via email to the following:

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Have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

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On a separate sheet of paper write **3 well-developed paragraphs** on the novel you read this summer. **These paragraphs will show your teacher how well you can write, so please do your very best. Make sure to address all bullet points. Paragraphs should have a minimum of 6-8 sentences.**

Paragraph #1

WRITE A WELL-DEVELOPED PARAGRAPH ON THE MAIN CHARACTER IN YOUR NOVEL

Give a description of your character

- Tell what he/she looks like, hobbies, abilities, strengths, weaknesses, etc.

Trace the development of of your character throughout the novel:

- What is he/she like at the beginning of the novel?
- How does he/she change as the novel progresses?
- How is he/she different at the end of the novel than he/she was at the beginning?
- Explain the change and what caused it giving examples from the novel

Paragraph #2

WRITE ONE PARAGRAPH ON THE THEME OF YOUR NOVEL

The theme is the central idea or belief in a story. It may be a moral lesson the author is trying to convey. It is the “So What?” of a piece of writing.

In a well-developed paragraph write what you feel a theme of your novel is and give at least **2 examples** from your novel to prove your point.

Paragraph #3

WRITE ONE PARAGRAPH DISCUSSING YOUR PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THE NOVEL

In a well-developed paragraph write how you have personally connected to the novel. It can be through a situation that happened, a character, etc.