

Summer Reading

2009-2010

Grade 7 (*assignment is for both English 7 & 7AA*)

Dear future seventh graders,

Reading for pleasure is one of summer's great delights. Who among us does not love grabbing a glass of cold water or iced tea and sitting in the sunshine enjoying a good book? I'm certain that all of my students will be making regular visits to the public library this summer, checking out the kinds of books that they each like best.

I read a lot during the summer, too. Many of my students enjoy sharing their reading with each other on the internet via Goodreads, and I'm happy to 'friend' any of my students or their parents. You can find my profile- and the profiles of lots of other SCPA people - at <http://www.goodreads.com/heathermurphy>. This isn't required; it's purely for those who choose to join our little online book club.

In addition to your pleasure reading, I'd like you to read two books that I recommend this summer.

Everyone will read *Fire from the Rock*, by Sharon Draper. You will be graded on your participation in a seminar on that book during the first week of school.

In addition to that book, please choose between *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents* (by Terry Pratchett) and *The Misfits* (by James Howe). You will take a test over your choice of those two books during the first week of school. Your test will include multiple choice, short answer, and long response questions, and will cover characters, plot, setting, and themes.

If you have questions or problems, it's not a good idea to call my classroom telephone- I'm on summer vacation, too, and don't visit my classroom until mid-August. Instead, email me at murphyh@cps-k12.org.

I look forward to being your seventh grade teacher, and I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Ms. Murphy
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