

June 23, 2009

Sincerely,

Dear Incoming Eighth Grade Student,

Greetings and we hope this letter finds you well. As summer vacation approaches, we invite you to note the following summer reading assignments for the upcoming school year.

The two books you are assigned to read are:

1. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
2. *The Island* by Gary Paulsen

You can locate these books at any of your neighborhood Public Library branches. They are also available for purchase at your local bookstore.

Please read the books very carefully and take thorough notes. Write out at least 2 discussion questions about each chapter as there will be a summer reading exam in September. A general review will be conducted in class prior to the examination.

Please do the following assignments after finishing each book.

- Write a one page summary of the story. Include the main characters and their role in the story, related themes and plot analysis.
- Write a one page critique (reaction) of the book. Give your opinion of the book. Give specific examples from the story to back up your opinions. Tell whether you would recommend the book for a friend.
- Design a creative cover page showcasing your talents. Include the title and author as well as your name and grade.

In addition, you are asked to design an artistic interpretation of one of these literary works. Some suggestions are:

Collage	Diorama	Movie Poster
Puppets	Paper Mache	Models/ Clay
Paintings	Water Colors	Brochure
Pastels	Skit/Play	Song
Poetry	Markers	Drawings

**Feel free to be as creative as possible.**

Good luck and we look forward to exploring the depths and endless horizons that await us as we unfold and turn each new leaf together unlocking the many worlds of literature.

June 23, 2011

Sincerely,

The English Department of I.S. 180

Dear Incoming Middle Grade Student,

and we hope this letter finds you well. As summer vacation approaches, we invite you to note the following summer reading assignment for the upcoming school year.

I have read and understood the above summer assignment in preparation for September.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### The Island by Gary Paulsen

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Please do the following assignments after finishing each book:

Write a one page summary of the story. Include the main characters and their role in the story, related themes and plot analysis.

Write a one page critique (reaction) of the book. Give your opinion of the book. Give specific examples from the story to back up your opinion. Tell whether you would recommend the book for a friend.

Design a creative 20-30 page showcase of your talents. Include the title and subject as well as your name and grade.

In addition, you are asked to design an artistic interpretation of one of these literary works. Your suggestions are:

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| Collage  | Diagrams     | Movie Poster |
| Puppets  | Paper Mache  | Models/Clay  |
| Painting | Water Colors | Brochure     |
| Posters  | Sketches     | Song         |
| Plays    | Maps         | Drawings     |