

The *SEEALL* Academy

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Dear Incoming Seventh 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 Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
2. *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

You can locate these books at any of your neighborhood Public Library branches. They are also available for purchase at *The Bookmark Shoppe* at a discounted price.

Please read the books very carefully and take thorough notes. Write out at least 1 discussion question 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 upon 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.

Sincerely,
The English Department of I.S. 180