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ELA Block – Entering Grade 8 in the fall

TAKE A BREAK AND READ!!!! SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT – 2016

All students entering Grade 8 in the fall are required to purchase and read the following two novels:

- The Great Fire by Jim Murphy
- America Street: A Multicultural Anthology of Stories Edited by Anne Mazer

As we have done in class many times, you are to annotate as you read.

- Be an active reader!
- Identify new vocabulary.
- Make a connection between what the author says and your own personal experiences.
- What literary devices and figurative language does the author use?
 - Imagery, dialogue, tone, suspense, characterization, protagonist, simile, personification, onomatopoeia, allusion, symbolism, irony

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Because you will be completing the TACHS preparation book during the summer, **NO FORMAL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT IS BEING GIVEN.** There will, however, be a written assignment AND/OR test on each of the assigned books/stories when you return to school in September.

ONCE THE TACHS REVIEW BOOKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE ASSIGNMENT SHEET GIVEN OUT WITH THE BOOKS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS AS YOU WORK THROUGH THIS BOOK, WE CAN ADDRESS THEM WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER. KEEP A RECORD OF WHAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

BE SURE TO SET A PLAN FOR YOURSELF THIS SUMMER. VACATION IS A BREAK FROM THE ROUTINE OF SCHOOL; IT IS NOT A BREAK FROM THE ROUTINE OF EDUCATING YOURSELF!!!! SCHEDULE TIME EACH DAY TO READ AND COMPLETE THE TACHS BOOK. THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO BENEFIT FROM THE MATERIAL!

Junior high teachers will hold TACHS review classes at SAS beginning at the end of September - free of charge. More information to follow when school begins in the fall. Only those students who have completed their TACHS assignments will be permitted to stay.

FYI - These are the same books that the present eighth grade was required to read during the summer last year. If you know of anyone who is in the eighth grade, why not ask him/her if you can use his/her books? Perhaps you can either borrow them or offer to pay a reduced price to purchase the book from him/her? Several students have donated their books to my classroom, which I am more than willing to lend to anyone who is unable to purchase his/her own copies.