

May 25, 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

All students attending McKinley Middle Magnet School during the 2023-2024 school year are required to complete summer reading. Each grade level has a mandated novel to read over the summer break. All McKinley Middle Magnet students will be tested on the assigned text **on the first week of school**. This will be a recorded test grade....**NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Required readings:

Incoming Sixth Graders:

Option 1: Read and take a test on one of the following novels

- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
 - *Pony* by R. J. Palacio
- OR**
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Option 2 (In the event you cannot procure one of the required novels):

- Dear Sixth Grader, thank you for accepting our invitation to present at the McKinley Middle Symposium. During this year's event, you are asked to present a PowerPoint/google slide presentation and a transcript of presentation on a novel that was recently read. The presentation must include important elements in the story. Remember to include the title of the book with author information (background information on author), summary of the novel, setting, conflict and characters. In your presentation, please discuss the main character and describe if character is a static or dynamic character. What makes the character either a static or dynamic character? Explain, the character changes that happen in the story. How do the setting and conflict contribute to the character's response? Be sure to use evidence (quotes and page numbers) from the text to explain the changes in the character's life. Your PowerPoint/google slide must have at least 10 slides, and the transcript must be typed with 12-point font (Times New Roma and a minimum of 750 words (double spaced).

Seventh Graders:

Read and take a test on one of the following novels

- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne,
 - *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
 - *Ruined* by Paula Morris
- OR**
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

Eighth Graders:

- Read 1 grade-level novel of your choice
- Students will turn in their summer reading assignment on Wednesday, August 11, 2023.
- Assignments will be uploaded to the designated assignment area in Google Classroom.
- Please refer to the class website for your class codes

Assignment choices include:

1. A video (Flipgrid, Clips, iMovie, WeVideo), at least 3-4 minutes in length. Please include an intro, text feature, and an ending.
2. Presentation (Google Slides, PowerPoint), at least six slides. Slides should include title, author, important facts, summary, pictures of important events, etc.

Suggestions for acquiring the novels are Amazon, Barnes and Noble, the public library, or perform a Google search for a PDF of the text.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and hope that our students have a wonderful and productive summer.

Additional Information:

Backpacks:

MANDATORY!!!!!! ALL students will be required to have a mesh backpack. Backpacks can be purchased at the school at a cost of \$20.00 beginning Thursday, June 1st.

Supply Lists:

School supply lists can be found on our website.

School Uniforms:

Approved school uniform shirts, hoodies, and sweatshirts may only be ordered and purchased online (www.mckinleymiddlemagnet.com). **THE ONLY UNIFORM SHIRT WITH A LOGO or SWEATSHIRT MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE SCHOOL.** School uniforms will be sold at the school on **Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, July 10th, through Wednesday, July 26th.** Please stop by the front office between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. to purchase your child's uniform tops, jackets, and/or sweatshirts. **Uniforms will not be able to be purchased online, you must come to the school.**

No refunds or exchanges will be given for uniforms.

School Fee:

School Supply lists for each grade level will be available on the school website and app. Our **school fee** is **\$80.00** and may be paid either online or through your child's first period teacher. This fee covers a spirit t-shirt which may be worn on Fridays, hall locker fee, Chromebook wear and tear repairs, school planner, ID badge, cover, a lanyard, and two ELA novels. School fees can be paid online beginning **Wednesday, June 1st** or in person in the front office by cash or money order only.

Open House:

Open House is scheduled for **Monday, August 7, 2023**. Student schedules for the 2023-2024 school year will be mailed by the end of July 2023.

As always, we appreciate your support in helping us make McKinley Middle Magnet the best that it can be! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (225)388-0089. We look forward to the 2022-2023 school year and hope that you have a safe and restful summer!

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Sincerely,

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