

Union Academy's 2009 Summer Reading Requirement

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer reading is crucial if students want to maintain their reading skills throughout the long summer break. Therefore, we would like to encourage pleasure reading for the summer as well as the completion of a summer project to be shared with the Reading Teacher and classmates. Below you will find the Required Summer Reading Project directions and a list of books students may choose from for this project. We ask that students seek their parent's advice and approval as they select a book from the list.

Summer Requirement:

All students are required to read a **minimum of three books** during the summer. Parents and students will be given a "Letter of Completion" to be signed and returned to the Reading Teacher along with the titles of the books read. This letter will be given to the students when they return from the summer break. In addition to the completion letter, you will have a project that must also be completed prior to your return. Only one of the three books you selected to read for the summer may be used for the project.

Directions: Select a fiction chapter book of your choice from the U.A. Summer Reading List. Please select a book you haven't read. Demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the book you read by creating one of the following projects and be ready to present the project to your reading class.

**** Projects are due Thursday, August 27, 2009 ****

Summer Project: Fiction Book

Choose one of the following options for your summer reading project:

Don't forget to put your name and grade level on the project.

1. Memorize and act out a favorite scene from the book.
2. Write a narrative poem that summarizes the story.
3. Write song lyrics that tell about the book.
4. Create a collage that represents the book. Feel free to use any artistic medium.
5. Create a painting depicting the setting of the story.
6. Draw a portrait of an interesting character or characters from the book.
7. Videotape (VHS or DVD) your own "trailer" (preview) for the book that is about to become a movie.
8. Create a PowerPoint presentation about the book. (Please save to a flashdrive or CD)

Information Paper: Required information on the selected fiction book above...

Include the following information typed or handwritten on a separate piece of paper and submit it with your project. Remember to put your name and grade level at the top of the paper.

1. Book Title and Author

2. Number of pages
3. List any awards the book may have won. (State “none” if there are none.)
4. Provide a brief summary of the book you chose in paragraph form.
5. Provide a vocabulary list of 10 interesting or new words you found with the definitions.
6. Answer the following question in paragraph form: Would you, or would you not, recommend the book to your friends to read, and why?