

Entering Grade 8: Welcome to the Belmont Middle School Summer Reading Program 2017!

Directions:

Choose two books to read this summer. Try to pick “Just Right Books” for you (books that have about 3 words a page that are challenging but no more) and ones that you find interesting and will enjoy. You can borrow books from the Elkins Public Library, or the Belmont Public Library, buy them on your own, or order them through Mrs. Hensel. Please see Mrs. Hensel for order forms and pricing. Order forms are due by: May 18th.

Read your books!

Complete the Summer Reading Journal in this packet. You will write three journal entries **for each book** that are a minimum of 50 words each. Write your first entry after you have read 1/3 of the book, the second after you have read 2/3 of the book, and the last entry upon the completion of your book. Journal entries must reflect your personal impressions. Do not write a summary but rather your connections, reactions, feelings, and generalizations to or about characters or to the story. Feel free to make comparisons to other books or to write your opinion of the books. Make sure it is justified!

Choose one passage **for each book** that you particularly connected with or enjoyed. Be sure to write down the page number and describe why you picked the particular passage.

At the beginning of the school year, you will share these journal entries with students who have read the same books that you have. You may also have a project or paper that your teacher will assign. Reading the book, writing thoughtful journal entries, picking a good passage, and being prepared to share your impressions will count as your first language arts grade.

Book Choices:

- A Night Divided (RL 5.4)- Nielson, Jennifer A.
- The Big Dark (RL 5.1)- Philbrick, Rodman
- Leviathan (RL 5.3)- Westerfeld, Scott
- The Alchemist (RL 6.4)- Coelho, Paolo
- The Warrior’s Heart (RL 6.3)-Greitens, Eric
- Lost in the Sun (RL 4.5)- Graff, Lisa
- The Crossover (RL 4.3)- Alexander, Kwame

Yes! I would like to order a book(s) through Mrs. Hensel. The price is \$10.00. Make checks payable to Shaker Regional School District.

Name:	Teamroom:
Current Grade:	Book Title:

JOURNAL ENTRY 1

JOURNAL ENTRY 2

JOURNAL ENTRY 3

PASSAGE CONNECTION

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