

For Students: Your Summer Project

Summer Reading Project: Keep a 10 page summer journal. Use 10 of the questions below to help you write a journal. **Due date:** The project is due September 7, 2011

Grading: Your summer reading project counts your first Read, Reflect, Respond grade for quarter one. You will also work on a book project in class during the first week of school.

- Which character did you like the least and why? What advice would you give to this character?
- Write a review of this book to send to a friend. Create the rough draft in text format. Your final draft should be written in essay form.
- List five major events in order from which happened first to last.
- Think of a problem that a character had to face. Write the problem and how the character solved it or is working to solve it. If you were that character, what would you do differently?
- Pretend what you are reading is going to be made into a movie. Make a list five characters, what famous actor will play each character and what about the character makes that actor the best choice for the part.
- Write a quote from your reading that connects to your life. What did it mean to what you've been reading? What did it mean to your life?
- Is the setting described well enough that you can put a picture of it in your mind? Why or why not?
- How have your feelings changed as you've been reading?
- Describe the similarities and differences between the main character and you.
- Does the title fit the story? Why or why not?
- Were there any unfamiliar words in the story you read? Keep a vocabulary list. Draw four columns in your journal and label them New words, picture, antonym and synonym. There is an example below.

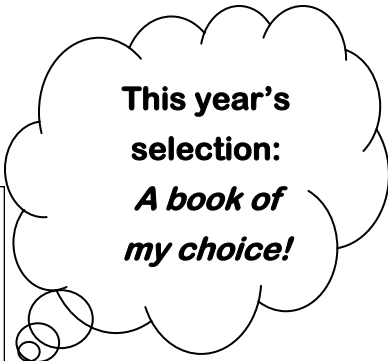
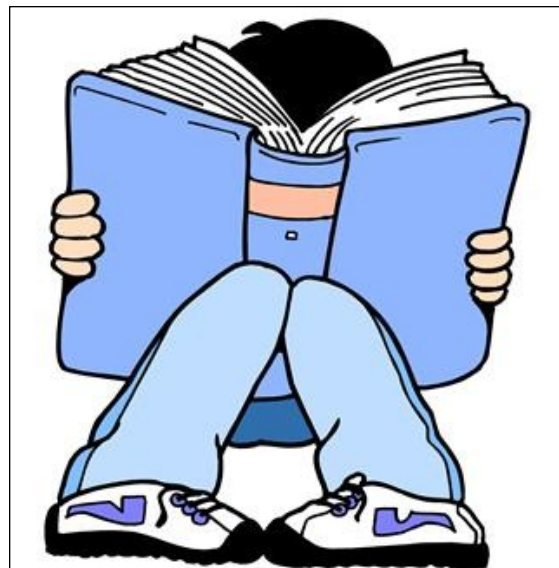
New Word	Picture	Antonym	Synonym

If you have any questions about the summer reading program, please contact Gayle Gary at gary.g@rochesterschools.com or call 332-4090.

Rochester Middle School Presents...

Summer Reading 2011

7th grade entering 8th grade



**“Today a reader,
Tomorrow a
leader.”**

~Margaret Fuller

Literacy specialists say that giving children a say in what they read can help motivate them. “If your goal is simply to get them to read more, choice is the way to go,” said Elizabeth Birr Moje, a literacy professor at the University of Michigan.

(New York Times, Aug. 30, 2009)

This year, Rochester Middle School is trying something new to encourage students to read during the summer. *For the first time, students get to choose their summer reading book!* Choice is an important motivator for students. If you already have a book to read, great. If you need ideas, check out the book list inside this flyer.

