



Rising 6th & 7th Grade Summer 2016 Project Mrs. Carmichael

Objectives:

- I will continue to sharpen my reading and writing skills during the summer.
- I will work toward experiencing reading and writing for pleasure in my everyday life.

Part 1: Reading Calendars

Each student will be given a packet of calendars that spans summer break (June, July, and August). On the calendar, the students will record anything they spend time reading. Reading materials will include at least 1 book, selected with help from their current LF teacher. Students are also encouraged to record time spent reading magazines, online blogs, newspapers, etc. (“short blurbs” such as Facebook status posts or Instagram captions should not be recorded). Making notations on the calendar will be practiced extensively prior to the end of school. Parent signatures are required weekly.

The Guidelines:

1. Students must select 4 days each week to read for at least 20 minutes. They will make notations on their calendars as directed.
2. Students may take off 1 full week per month to account for family vacations or other circumstances.
3. Students can make notations on their calendars as directed to indicate extra time reading.
4. Students **return the reading calendars to Mrs. Carmichael** on the first day of school.

Part 2: Writing Experience: The Postcard

In our novel *Wonder*, Mr. Browne and his students explore monthly precepts, or words of wisdom. Mr. Browne challenges his students to create a precept on their own and write it on a postcard from wherever they might travel during the summer. Your turn!

Required: Create a precept representing a theme you have learned about life this summer. Write at least 3 reasons why we all should follow your precept. These reasons should be evidence gathered from your own summer experiences. Use the enlarged post card template creatively on paper, or digitally on your iPad. Feel free to include relevant pictures from your summer activities as evidence. For a reminder of precepts and themes, refer to the summer resource page. If you need further instruction, watch Mrs. Carmichael’s “Summer Project” ShowMe for an example.

***Use the editing checklist to show off your writing skills. The explanation of your precept with supporting evidence should be at least 10 sentences. Return to Mrs. Carmichael.**

Optional: You may **also** make your precept into an artistic representation of your big thinking to share when we return (i.e. iMovie, painting, sketch, song lyrics, poem, etc). **Return to Mrs. Carmichael!**

June – Summer Reading Log

*Highlight reading days yellow: 4 days/week, 20 minutes/day

*Write title/type of reading & minute total in each box.

*Highlight extra days/times in a different color

*Parents initial in the Saturday boxes to confirm reading!

*Take 1 week off each month – X those days

Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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July – Summer Reading Log

*Highlight reading days yellow: 4 days/week, 20 minutes/day

*Write title/type of reading & minute total in each box.

*Highlight extra days/times in a different color

*Parents initial in the Saturday boxes to confirm reading!

*Take 1 week off each month – X those days

Name _____

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August – Summer Reading Log

*Highlight reading days yellow: 4 days/week, 20 minutes/day

*Write title/type of reading & minute total in each box.

*Highlight extra days/times in a different color

*Parents initial in the Saturday boxes to confirm reading!

*Take 1 week off each month – X those days

Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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