



Rising 8th grade Summer Project

Ms. Witmeyer

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 span 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 Facebooks status posts or Instagram captions should not be recorded). Making notations on the calendar will be extensively practiced prior to the end of school. Parent signatures are required weekly.

Guidelines:

1. Students must select 4 days each week to read for at least 20 minutes each of those days. 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 will **return the reading calendars to Ms. Witmeyer** on the first day of school.

Part 2: Writing Experience: The Photo Journal

Create a photo journal that chronicles your summer adventures! Here are the details:

- First, choose four (4) pictures that best represent your summer fun/adventures/trips.
- Then, prewrite by using the attached template to make notes about each picture.
 - Be sure to save all of your prewriting!
- Then, using your prewriting, write at least five (5) sentences about the photo explaining who or what is pictured and a detailed story about the picture.
 - Each sentence should include beginning capitalization and end punctuation.
- Lastly, proofread your writing and make corrections with a colored pen or pencil on your final draft.
- Your photo journal should be a total of nine (9) pages long:
 - Page 1: A cover page with your proper heading and a self-portrait.
 - The second page should be the prewriting work for your first picture.
 - The next page should have your picture (centered on the page) and your five(5) edited/proofread sentences underneath it.
 - Then, repeat this organization order for each picture to create the rest of your photo journal.

Photo # _____ Prewrite

Directions: Using the six question words and prompts that follow each question word, brainstorm and take notes to prepare you for your sentence writing:

WHO:

- Who is in the picture? Or who was with you at the time the picture was taken?

WHAT:

- Describe what is happening. Use powerful, descriptive adjectives to explain the picture itself and the story behind the picture so I feel like I was there with you.

WHEN:

- Tell when the picture happened.

WHERE:

- Describe where the picture was taken. Use powerful, descriptive adjectives so I can picture your location in my mind.

WHY:

- Explain why you took this picture or why you wanted to include it in your photo journal.

HOW:

- Explain how you felt the day of the picture or how you feel now reliving that day in the picture.

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 _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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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