

## **Summer Reading Assignment Incoming 7th Graders 2020-2021**

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Junior High! I am looking forward to reading and learning with you during the upcoming school year. In order to provide the proper foundation for our literary journey, you will be required to read two books during the summer. Please see below for details:

### **Part I**

#### **Suggested timeline: June 1- June 29**

The first part of your assignment is to **purchase (or borrow, download, etc.) *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton**. Upon completion of reading, you will **create a digital presentation** (PowerPoint or google slides) **and prepare a brief speech** (approximately 1 and a half minutes) that highlights **a personal text-to-self connection you can make** with Bethany's story.

The content of the presentation is up to you- be creative and have fun with this part! This is how the class and I will get to know you and see what makes you a unique and special creation of God. Use pictures and/or animation as well as stories from your life that show how you can relate to the message of faith, family, and perseverance in the book. I will show you an example and demonstrate a presentation in the first few days of school.

### **Part II**

#### **Suggested timeline: July 6-August 3**

The second part of your assignment is to read a book, any book, **that you have not previously read, and then take an Accelerated Reader (AR) test** on it within the first two weeks of school. You are expected to pass the AR test with a score of 70% or higher. The due date for the AR test will be given to you during the first days of school.

1. **Purchase (or borrow, download, etc.) and read a novel that is 5th grade level or higher and approved by your parents.** Ebooks and other forms of electronic downloads are acceptable as long as you read the full text version of the book, not a summary or preview.
2. **Create 3 memes for your book;** 1 for the beginning, 1 for the middle, and 1 for the end. The memes should have a visual impact, accurately represent an important character, plot, setting or conflict aspect of the novel, and they should reflect your understanding of the book. There are various online programs and apps that will do this, but creating a google doc or slide is perfectly acceptable.

3. The message on these memes should be original; you may find and use pictures from the internet (or you may use your own) but it is expected that the text or message of your meme be completely unique and unparaphrased content created by you.
4. Memes will be “turned in” to google classroom within the first week of school, there is no need to print copies.

**Read this book toward the end of summer, as you will need to take and pass an AR test within the first 2 weeks of school.**

I hope you enjoy your summer reading adventure! See you in August!

In Christ,

Mrs. Coleman

7th grade English and literature teacher