

FIRST ACADEMY – LEESBURG

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER **REQUIRED** READING PROGRAM (6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES)

ALL READING, AR TESTS AND WRITING JOURNALS MUST BE COMPLETED BY **JULY 29, 2016**

Welcome to middle school and our required summer reading program. This flyer contains IMPORTANT information regarding the required reading, testing, and writing that will be included in your first quarter English grade. Here are the facts you need to know:

1. EACH student must choose two books from the approved AR Reading List. **Do NOT CHOOSE any of the following (Middle school will be doing them in class together). *Flowers for Algernon (8<sup>th</sup> gr)*, *Bud not Buddy (8<sup>th</sup> gr)*, *Call of the Wild (7<sup>th</sup> gr)*, *Ender’s Game (7<sup>th</sup> gr)*, *A Wrinkle in Time (6<sup>th</sup> gr)* , and *Hatchett (6<sup>th</sup> gr)***
2. Each book must have a minimum of 7 points awarded upon successful completion of the AR test. There will be a total of at least 14 points awarded. **STUDENTS ARE TO READ THE BOOK AND SHOULD NOT CHOOSE ONE MADE INTO A MOVIE.** Again, do not choose any of the books in item #1.
3. **AR TESTS on both books must be completed by July 29, 2016.** There are two tests and two scores! The score the student earns on each test will be the score entered into the gradebook for each book. Computers will be available in the office for taking AR Tests through July 29, 2016. Five bonus points will be added to all tests taken prior to June 30, 2016. \*\*\* Please note the GRADE received on the test, not the AR points, is what is added into the gradebook. \*\*\*\*\*
4. WRITING ASSIGNMENT: One of the above books must have a reading journal submitted to Mrs. Gunger no later than July 29, 2016. **Again, DO NOT PICK any of the books listed in item #1.** This journal will be graded for content, completeness, and neatness. It can be handwritten or typed. It can be submitted to the office by or attached as a word document via email to Mrs. Gunger ([lgunger@faleesburg.com](mailto:lgunger@faleesburg.com)). **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE JOURNAL IS JULY 29, 2016.** Five BONUS POINTS will be awarded for journals turned in by June 30, 2016.

The journal must have a chapter designation and three complete sentences that recap each chapter in the book. If there are 20 chapters in the book, there will be 20 Chapter recaps. The length of the reading journal depends on the number of chapters. Here is a sample:

*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

By: Jules Verne

7.3 AR Points

Chapter #	Chapter Title (if any)	Chapter Recap
1	“A Shifting Reef”	In this chapter, I was introduced to the main character and setting of the book. Eerie events, monster sightings, and rumors are spreading about frightening events at sea. Some ships have even disappeared.
2	“”Pro and Con”	The main character is about to sail to France. The U.S. government decides a group of scientists must investigate what is happening in the ocean. Our main character, is asked by the U.S. Navy to join the expedition.
3	“CONTINUE UNTIL ALL CHAPTERS IN YOUR BOOK HAVE BEEN RECAPPED”	

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [lgunger@faleesburg.com](mailto:lgunger@faleesburg.com) if you have any questions. I will be checking my email regularly throughout the summer. However, it may be a few days until I respond. In the meantime, keep reading.