



English Language Arts
Mrs. Zadrozny
Summer Reading List
2023

Incoming 7th Grade Reading Requirements:

READ:

1. "Starfish," novel by Lisa Fipps
2. "The Crossover," verse novel by Kwame Alexander
- and-
3. A book of your choice.

WRITE:

1. On paper, in your neatest print, write about someone you know who has had a difficult experience and has worked through physical, mental or emotional challenges. Write in complete sentences. You may use the first person pronoun "I." A minimum of two paragraphs is required. The maximum length is four paragraphs.
2. Create a 2023/24 school-year horoscope for a friend. What interesting events and experiences await them in 7th grade? Look up samples of monthly horoscopes for your own astrological sign for some cues to write. For example, my best friend's sign is Pisces. My horoscope for her would go like this:

Hey my Pisces buddy, you had better start thinking about going back to school in August, because I know you love to procrastinate. You save everything until the last minute, except for shoe shopping! This year we are going to rock 7th grade because we are getting organized together. After we figure out whose homeroom we are in, let's go online and look at the SMK calendar together and prepare to succeed! You are so creative. Will you help me decorate my locker? I have a feeling you will get involved in a couple of sports and maybe even try out for the play. I think we should take turns making lunches for each other. I also think we should figure out if there are any 8th graders to ask for help in math.

The first step is to figure out which real (or imaginary) friend you will be writing about. When you learn their "sign," look up the main personality traits. Then, have fun! It only needs to be one paragraph, but think of each sentence as a single thought. Mind those run-ons!