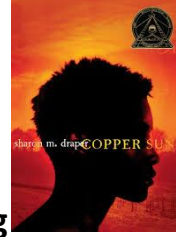


8th Grade 2017 -2018 Summer English, Spelling, and Reading



- I. Please read the book Copper Sun by Sharon Draper and complete the task. This task is due on Tuesday, August 29, the first day of school. Also, please bring a copy of the book to class every day the first week of school.

Chose one of the following topics and write a three page paper.

1. Imagine that you are now “in” chapter 33 of Copper Sun. Write yourself into the story. You are taking a nap and something startles you awake – as you open your eyes, you begin to realize that you are not in your bedroom, but in a forest. You look around and find that Amari, Polly, Tidbit and Hushpuppy are sleeping next to you. Start your story by describing your surroundings using your five senses – what do you (1) see? (2) hear? (3) smell? (4) feel ? (5) taste (if anything)? From there, describe (a) how you feel (emotionally), (b) what do you do to act upon that feeling? (c) what do you say to the characters (and how do they respond) ? (d) Would you help them or leave them? Take me through your decision.
2. What if Amari and Harriett Tubman met? What would they say to each other? Create a dialogue between Harriett Tubman and Amari. What advice would they give to each other?

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- II. Please read at least one other book from the list below. Create a PowerPoint of 6 slides. This task is due on Wednesday, August 30. (The books are listed in order of level of difficulty.)

- Slide 1 Name of the book and author of the book – include photo;
- Slide 2 A map that shows the setting of the book;
- Slide 3 A summary of the conflict;
- Slide 4 A plot diagram;
- Slide 5 A character list;
- Slide 6 A symbolic/graphic representation of the book; (I don't want a picture of the book cover or a picture of a character from the book.)

Numbering all the Bones by Ann Rinaldi

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Fire from the Rock by Sharon Draper

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

III. English

So you don't get rusty, diagram the following sentences:

1. The vegetable soup in the pot bubbled and boiled.
2. Her arguments are always logical and clear.
3. The man whom I met on the plane is my school principal.
4. Henry II, a monarch of France, was the king during a war with Austria.
5. Wolves are the largest wild dogs, and they hunt together in packs.
6. I like pizza with thin, crispy crust and fresh mozzarella but I don't like hot dogs with mustard or relish.

IV. Spelling

For preparation for the 8th grade, please complete Lesson 33 "*Words from Literature*". The lesson is attached. There will be quiz on these words on Thursday, August 31.

See you in the 8th grade!

Mrs. Fitzgerald