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Junior Highschool Summer Reading Assignment

Each student entering 7th-8th grade will have a grade-level appropriate, assigned reader and corresponding assignments. The books are available at Barnes and Noble (online or in store) and at amazon.com. Please check your local, public library for availability, if you prefer a sign out option. For your convenience, all of the book information is available on the school's website; www.ncacademy.org.

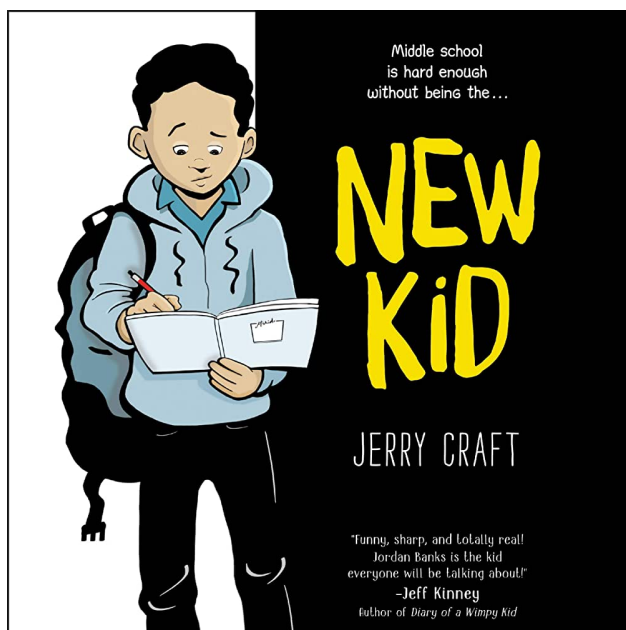
Grading—All Grades:

This summer reading assignment will be counted as your first grade, in Languages Arts/English, for the 2026–2027 school year. Students will submit their assignments on the first day of school.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT; START EARLY AND PACE YOURSELF!

Assignments: 7th Grade

Read: *New Kid*, by Jerry Craft
ISBN: 978-0062691194



Book Description:

Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature.

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

Chapter Log:

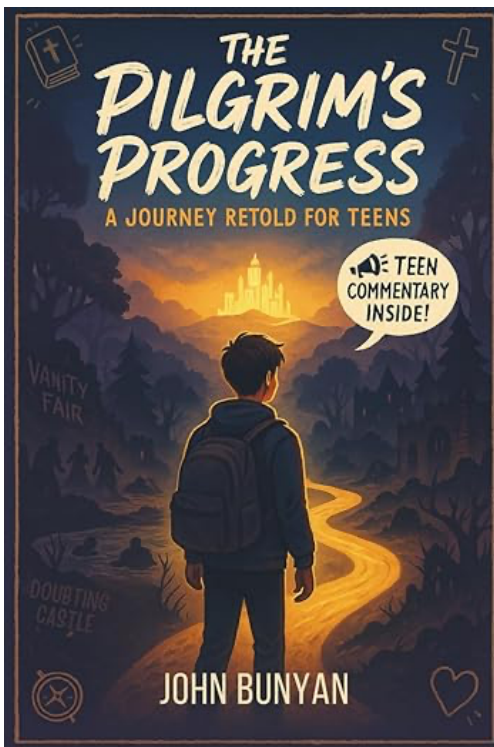
All students are responsible to keep a log of information for each chapter. Each entry should include a brief summary of the plot and any important character development.

Creative Project:

All students will create a piece of visual, graphic, modeling, decorative, literary, or performance art that reflects a key symbol(s) from their summer reading novel. The artwork should clearly showcase the particular symbol(s) that appears in the novel. NOTE: Literary symbols are characters, settings, images, or other repeated elements that stand in for bigger ideas.

Assignments: 8th Grade

Read: *The Pilgrim's Progress*, by: John Bunyan
ISBN-13: 978-1988439501

**Book Description:**

The Pilgrim's Progress: A Journey Retold for Teens is a bold and fresh reimagining of John Bunyan's legendary allegory—crafted especially for the next generation. With modernized language, real-life teen commentary, and built-in devotional tools, this edition turns Bunyan's epic story of Christian's spiritual journey into an unforgettable adventure for today's youth.

Chapter Log:

All students are responsible to respond to at least 12 "Reflection Questions" sections from the text. (Note: Each section includes 3 reflection questions).

Creative Project:

All students will create a piece of visual, graphic, modeling, decorative, literary, or performance art that reflects a major theme(s) from their summer reading novel. The artwork should clearly showcase the particular theme(s) that appears in the novel. NOTE: A literary theme is the significant meaning an author is trying to convey through the story.