

ILA Summer Assignment for Students Entering Grade 6 (2011-2012)

Assignment #1: "All about Me" Poem

Directions: Write a personal, original poem about yourself using the formula below and referring to the example for assistance. Be creative!

Method:

Line 1: Your first name

Line 2: Four descriptive traits about yourself (Hint: Adjectives)

Line 3: Sibling of... (Complete this line with the names of your siblings)

Line 4: Lover of... (Complete this line with at least 3 items that you love)

Line 5: Fears... (Complete this line with at least 3 items that you fear)

Line 6: Needs... (Complete this line with at least 3 items that you need)

Line 7: Gives... (Complete this line with at least 3 things that you give)

Line 8: Would like to see... (Complete this line with at least 3 things/places you would like to see)

Line 9: Resident of... (Complete this line with the name, description, location of where you live)

Line 10: Your last name

Sample: "A Poem about Me"

Alysa

Short, feisty, artsy, crafty

Sibling of Phyllis and Sam

Lover of cats, flowers, and ice cream

Fears making mistakes, missing a meal, and swimming in the ocean

Needs a haircut, new sneakers, and love

Gives help where needed, money to the poor, and hand-me-downs to my sister

Would like to see peace on earth, the oil spill cleaned up, and an end to war

Resident of NJ

Cummings

Typing Instructions: Center the title of your poem on the page. Use the left margin for each of the 10 lines of your poem. Use correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

Assignment #2

Directions: Read one novel within the reading level of Grade 5.5-6.5. You may choose any genre of your choice. Fill out the form below. You will earn credit for the Sixth Grade Reading Chart for Trimester 1. *(Each student is encouraged to read 3 novels each trimester)*

Name: _____ Grade/Section: _____

Title of Novel: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____ Date Read: _____

Both assignments are due the first week of school. Happy reading and writing!

Don't know what to read? See this website for some suggestions.

Parents, please take note. Included at the end of the recommendation list are books not recommended for middle school students. Please choose carefully with your child.

Also, do not choose the following novels as we will be reading them as a class: *The Giver, Tuck Everlasting, The View from Saturday, The Westing Game, and Bridge to Terabithia.*

http://www.wcpss.net/isd/middle/lang_arts/book_list.pdf

EXTRA CREDIT

6th, 7th, 8th Grades

Due Date 9/4/11

If a Middle School student writes an appropriately themed, full length play or musical, and hands it in by the due date, he or she will receive 5 Extra Credit points in ILA. Follow these requirements:

- Must be ORIGINAL. (Do not use the story plot of a television show, video game, or other media production).
- Appropriate theme for viewing by SJS students. (No violence).
- Include: 10 characters with speaking parts, setting, plot, stage directions [written in square brackets].
- Individual writer or collaboration of no more than 2 students per script.
- Type script, double spaced, 11-14 font, approx. 10 typed pages.