**Queen of Angels
Middle School Summer Reading 2014**

A great way to continue enriching your growing brains this summer is to READ!

For the 2014-2015 school year, your challenge is to carefully read 2 books before returning from summer break. Please choose one (1) Fiction and (1) Non-fiction book from the following reading list. These reading lists tie into each grade level’s curriculum:
6th (coming of age), 7th (individuality), and 8th (celebrating others/diversity).

**Incoming 6th Graders:**

FICTION:

* Tangerine, **Edward Bloor**
* Wonder, **R.J. Palacio**
* Paperboy, **Vince Vawter**
* Al Capone Does My Shirts, **Gennifer Choldenko**

NON-FICTION:

* The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child, **Francisco Jimenez**
* Chasing Lincoln’s Killer, **James L. Swanson**
* Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths, **Bernard Evslin**
* The Greatest: Muhammad Ali, **Walter Dean Myers**

**Incoming 7th Graders:**

FICTION:

* Seraphina, **Rachel Hartman**
* Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children, **Ransom Riggs**
* Bystander, **James Preller**
* The City of Ember, **Jeanne DuPrau**
* Counting by 7s, **Holly Goldberg Sloan**

NON-FICTION:

* Voices from the Streets: Young Former Gang Members Tell Their Stories, **S. Beth Atkin**
* Letters to a Bullied Girl: Messages of Healing and Hope, **Olivia Gardner**
* The Assist: Hoops, Hope, and the Game of Their Lives, **Neil Swidey**
* Bad Boy, **Walter Dean Myers**

**Incoming 8th Graders:**

FICTION:

* The Secret Life of Bees, **Sue Monk Kidd**
* The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, **John Boyne**
* The Help, **Kathryn Stockett**
* I am the Messenger, **Markus Zusak**

NON-FICTION:

* Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler’s Shadow, **Susan Campbell Bartoletti**
* The Diary of Anne Frank, **Anne Frank**
* Warriors Don’t Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock’s Central High, **Melba Pattillo Beals**
* The Voice the Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights, **Russell Freedman**
* Persepolis AND Persepolis 2, **Marjane Satrapi**

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While reading your summer books, you must complete 4 blog posts for your fiction book choice and 3 blog posts for your non-fiction book choice. Your blog entry should be 250-400 words and include your reaction to specific parts of the book. Try to write these blog posts throughout your reading, so you do not have to go back and write them after you’ve completed the book!

You will post your responses on our class blog at: <http://qofaliterature.weebly.com>

1. Find your class blog page link under your incoming grade level and click on the page:

* **6th Grade Summer**
* **7th Grade Summer**
* **8th Grade Summer**

2. Click **Comment(s**) on “**Fiction Response**” or “**Non-Fiction Response**” posts

* Under “Leave a Reply,” type your first name and last initial
* You do not need to include an email address
* Under “Comments,” you will type your response

3. Click **Submit** at bottom of the page, and you’re done with 1 post!

\*You will need to comment a total of **(4)** times for your fictional book, under the same blog post
“Fiction Response”

\*You will need to comment a total of **(3)** times for your non-fiction book, under the same blog post “Nonfiction Response”

*Note: This means you will always comment on these pages. You will be able to access them all summer!*

Your blog posts will be checked in the first week of school. Make sure to have your books read and blog posts done; you’ll be off to a great start for the incoming year!

Sincerely,

Miss Todd

Literature Teacher, Queen of Angels School