L. Hughes Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

Studies show that students who don't read during the summer actually experience a learning loss in reading. That means that if you want to maintain your reading level, or grow your reading ability, it is important to keep reading - even when school is on summer break.

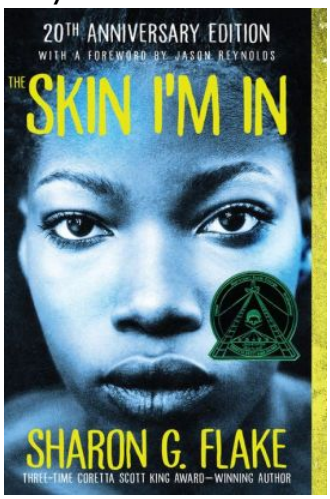
In order to avoid the 'summer slide' in reading and be prepared for your 8th grade English class, please complete the assignment below by:

(1) reading a book assigned to your English 8 Class and
(2) completing one of the choice activities.[1]

Book Assignments:

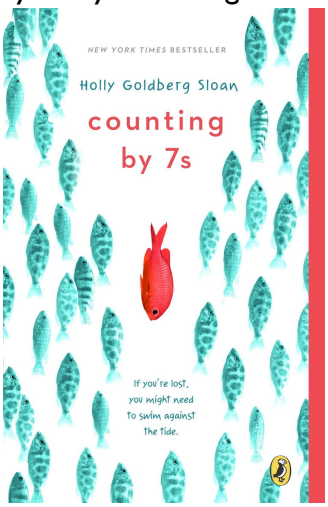
<u>English 8</u>

The Skin I'm In
by Sharon G. Flake

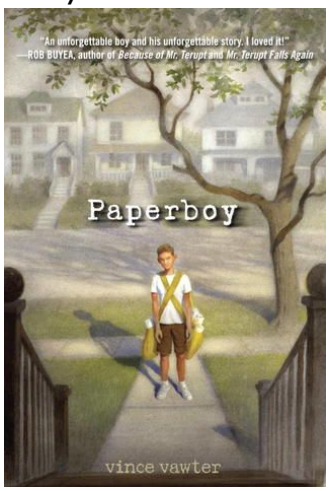


<u>English 8 Honors</u> *(choose one)*

Counting by 7s
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

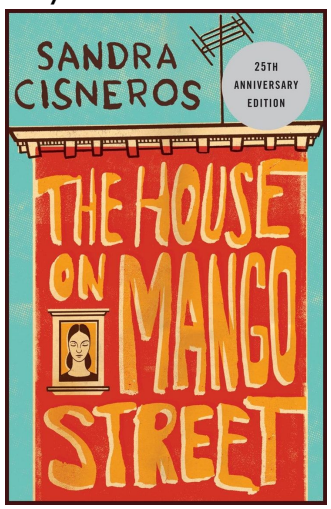


Paperboy
by Vince Vawter



<u>English 8 AAP</u>

House on Mango Street
by Sandra Cisneros



After reading the book, please complete at least 1 of the following activities:

<u>Postcards</u>

Create and write 3 postcards from the main character's perspective to other characters in the book. Each postcard should address or identify a main conflict from the book.

<u>Book Review</u>

Would you recommend the book to another reader? Why or why not? Write 2-3 paragraphs explaining what you liked or didn't like about the text.

<u>Book Trailer</u>

Create a video trailer (2-3 minutes) for the text that highlights the main character and conflict. Don't give away the ending! Your trailer should encourage others to want to read the book.

<u>Chapter Summaries</u>

Write a 1-3 sentence summary for each chapter of the text. This is a great option if you plan to read the book over the whole summer! Keep all summaries in one document to turn-in.

[1] **Summer Reading Assignment is due by Friday, September 6th to your English 8 teacher.**