

Dear Future 7th Grader,

You will read **two books** and complete **two projects** that must be submitted on the first day of school.

Your first book will be **one of the following**: The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo or Redwall by Brian Jacques or The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien.

For your second book, please choose **one of the following**: The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall or A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park or When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park

Complete **one** project for **each** of your summer reading books. Carefully demonstrate your knowledge of each of your summer reading books. Be neat. Show effort. Support your ideas with details (events, people, places) from the text. **You cannot complete the same type of project for both books.**

- a. Write a scene that could have happened in the book, but didn't (min. 3 paragraphs).
After you have written the scene, explain how it would have changed the outcome of the book (min. 2 paragraphs). In your writing include all 5 dress-ups and use 3 sentence-openers. Make sure you pay attention to good English grammar and conventions. Attempt to mimic the style of writing already modeled in the book.
- b. Paint a painting inspired by the story. Imagine being asked to be the illustrator for the new book/movie titled the same as your summer reading book. Paint a painting or create a poster that grabs the attention of people and depicts the themes of the book. Be creative. Use a form of art most effective to achieve your goal.
- c. Create a diorama of one of the scenes in your summer reading book. Be detailed and specific. Include all the clues/details the author gives in the book. Also, include the main characters usually present in the scene/location. Use a shoebox as your starting point. Write a caption of the scene and glue it on the outside of the shoebox upon completion. See: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Diorama>

You will submit a total of **two** projects and be ready to present them to the class and discuss them on the first day of school.

Happy Summer Reading!