

Dear AcadeMir Families,

Welcome to AcadeMir Charter School Middle! Summer is a great time to relax, but it is also time to read and practice your skills in order to be prepared for the upcoming school year. We have prepared a standards-based summer packet with Language Arts, Math, and Science activities to support summer learning and increase critical thinking. Summer packets are **MANDATORY**, due on **September 5, 2017**, and will be graded. A test will be administered on the reading assignment.

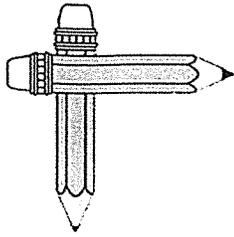
If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Escobar (305) 967-8492 or via email ddescobar@dadeschools.net.

May you have a restful, relaxing, enjoyable and fun-filled summer!

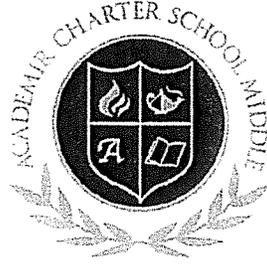
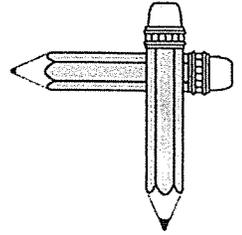
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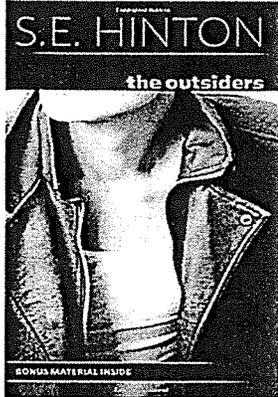
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Required Summer Reading 2017-2018



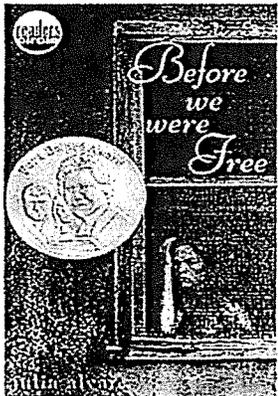
Entering Sixth Grade



Title: The Outsiders
Author: S.E. Hinton

A teen gang in rural Oklahoma, the Greasers are perpetually at odds with the Socials, a rival group. When Greasers Ponyboy and Johnny get into a brawl that ends in the death of a Social member, the boys are forced to go into hiding. Soon Ponyboy and Johnny, along with the intense Dallas and their other Greaser buddies, must contend with the consequences of their violent lives. While some Greasers try to achieve redemption, others meet tragic ends.

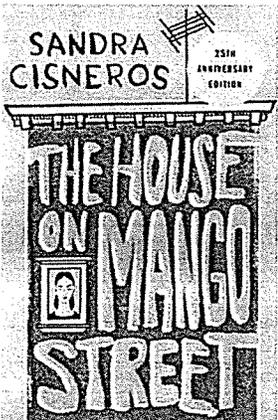
Entering Seventh Grade



Title: Before We Were Free
Author: Julia Alvarez

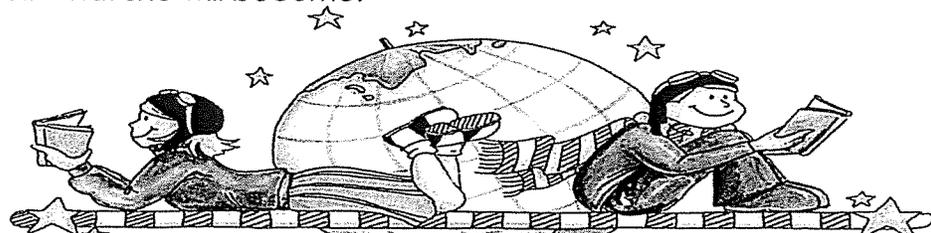
Anita de la Torre, a 12-year-old girl living in the Dominican Republic in 1960. Most of her relatives have immigrated to the United States, her Tio Toni has disappeared, Papi has been getting mysterious phone calls about butterflies and someone named Mr. Smith, and the secret police have started terrorizing her family for their suspected opposition to the country's dictator. While Anita deals with a frightening series of events, she also struggles with her adolescence and her own personal flight to be free.

Entering Eighth Grade



Title: The House On Mango Street
Author: Sandra Cisneros

Sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous, The House on Mango Street tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and harsh beauty. Esperanza doesn't want to belong — not to her rundown neighborhood, and not to the low expectations the world has for her. Esperanza's story is that of a young girl coming into her power, and inventing for herself what she will become.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Entering Eighth Grade

Write an essay about the book *The House on Mango Street*. Make sure that the essay answers the following questions (in no specific order). Essay must be typed and a minimum of 5 paragraphs using correct grammar and sentence structure.

- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What is the mood that the author is trying to convey? Use specific details from the story that help the author convey the mood.
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Provide at least three reasons that adequately support your claim.
- What are the main events that took place in the story? (Plot)
- Where does the story take place? Include the time period, season, location, etc. Give specific details from the story that helped you identify the story's setting.
- Summarize the story making sure to highlight the most important parts.
- What is the conflict in the story and how is it resolved?
- Compare the life of the main character with your life. How are you and the main character alike or different?
- If you were the main character, how would you handle the conflicts in the story? Would you have made different choices? Why or why not? Use information from the story to support your answer.
- How does the main character develop or change from the beginning of the story to the end? Give evidence from the text to support your answer. Support your answer with specific actions, thoughts, or feelings he/she may have.

Type your name on the top of your essay

