

Summer Reading Assignment--6th Grade

1. **All incoming sixth grade students** will need to read the book *Restart* by Gordon Korman.
 - a. Books are available at your local library
 - b. Books can be purchased at a bookstore or online
 - c. Families can also stop by All Saints and see Mrs. Coffey at the front desk to borrow a copy, limited copies are available.

2. After reading the book, you need to write a **letter** to me that meets the following requirements:
 - a. The date
 - b. A greeting (Dear Ms. T, Dear Ms. Tegiacchi, Hi Ms. T!, etc.)
 - c. A paragraph that tells me about yourself and helps me to get to know you a little bit better. You might want to include your hobbies, your interests, a little bit about your family, what you like to learn about, etc.
 - d. A paragraph that tells me about your summer.
 - e. A paragraph that tells me about the book that you read. Think about including: Characters, plot, conflict, resolution, main idea, setting, etc.
 - f. A closing signature, and your name.The letter should be AT LEAST one front of a page long, handwritten

3. To turn in the letter, you have the following three options:
 - a. Mail it to school over the summer
All Saints Catholic Academy
ATTN: Ms. Tegiacchi
10 Rosemont Street
Albany, NY 12203

 - b. Drop off at the school over the summer
 - c. Turn in to me in person on the first day of school

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please feel free to send me an email; gtegiacchi@ascaalbany.org. Thank you!

Sample Letter:

June 18th, 2019

Dear Future 6th Graders,

My name is Ms. T, I am the middle school ELA teacher, and I am so excited to meet all of you! This will be my second year at All Saints, and I have some fun things in store for us. Over the next year in English, you will improve your vocab and grammar skills, you will get to work on your academic and creative writing, we will practice public speaking, and you will be able to read lots of cool novels!

A little bit about me: I graduated from Siena College with an English Ed degree, and I am about to start a Masters Program at Saint Rose for Special Education. I love ELA a lot, and I am super corny (in case you couldn't tell by the fact that I made a whole skit about summer reading). You will always find me with a coffee, and I will usually share snacks with my students if you ask super nicely. I'm also a musician--but you probably already knew that. I enjoy playing the piano and singing, and I am the music director at Siena College.

One of my favorite books that I read with my students is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton--if you have me for 8th grade we will read it! I love that the author wrote the book when she was in high school--she didn't like the books she was forced to read so she decided to write her own and it changed the world. The story also talks about injustices in society which I think is a really important topic. As you know, our world can be a difficult place sometimes, so it is important that we practice kindness every single day--that kindness starts in my classroom.

I look forward to reading your letters, hearing about your perspectives on *Restart*, and hearing about your summers. Most importantly, I look forward to learning a little bit more about you! If you have any questions at all over the summer, feel free to send me an email! I can be reached at gtegiacchi@ascaalbany.org. If you're in the building at all over the summer, feel free to come up and say hello, you'll probably see me around.

Have a great end of your school year, a fun summer, and I can't wait to have you as my students really soon!

-Ms. T