WHY WE HAVE SUMMER READING & WRITING

Reading and writing are life-long skills that are necessary for one's success and personal enrichment. Research strongly suggests that writing, like most skills, improves with practice and decreases when we don't engage in it for even a short time. Therefore, consistent with its commitment to prepare all students for success during school and after graduation, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) expects all students to read and write during the summer.

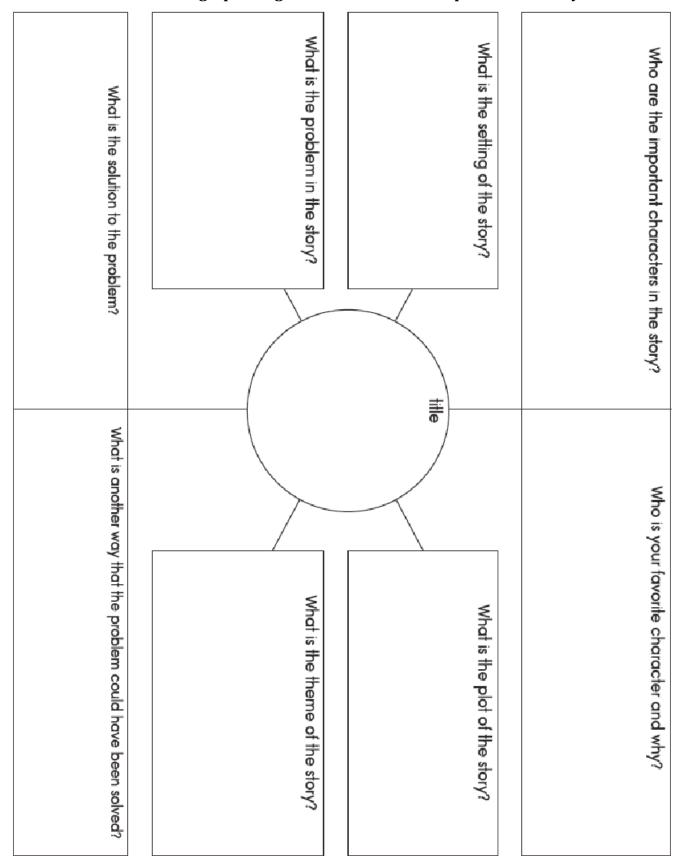
OVERVIEW OF SUMMER READING AND WRITING AT CABIN JOHN

Cabin John Middle School (CJMS) believes that summer is a time for recreational learning. To that end, all Cabin John ESOL 1 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE PACKET. Students must also obtain a parent or guardian signature in order to verify that the student has answered these questions on their own. These answers will be collected the first week of school, counted as a homework assignment, and later used in conjunction with formative assessments in ESOL Class. Due Date and deadline for this assignment is the second day of school. Students may choose to write a paragraph about what they read.

All ESOL 1 CJMS students are expected to complete Summer Reading and Writing, including those who transfer to into CJMS over the summer or during the first week of school. Because this information will be posted on the CJMS website throughout the summer, every ESOL 1 student should have met these Summer Reading and Writing expectations by the first day of school. Likewise, students who transfer from CJMS are expected to contact their new school(s) for information about Summer Reading and Writing expectations.

Summer Reading

Read a book and fill out the graphic organizer for the different parts of the story.



Next, using the story you just read fill out the chart below using the definitions of the different parts of the speech.

Nouns are words that denote a person, place, or thing. In a sentence, nouns answer the questions who and what.

- Example: The *dog* ran after the *ball*.
- In the sentence above, there are two nouns, dog and ball.

Adjectives are words that describe or modify a noun or pronoun in the sentence.

- the tall professor
- <u>a solid</u> commitment
- <u>a month's</u> pay
- <u>a six-year-old</u> child
- the unhappiest, richest man

Adjectives answer the following questions:

- Which one? this, that
- What kind of? red, large, cloudy
- How many? six, many, several

Verbs are words that denotes action, or a state of being, in a sentence.

- Example 1: Beth *rides* the bus every day.
- Example 2: Paul was an avid reader.
- In example 1, *rides* is the verb; it describes what the subject, Beth, does. In example 2, *was* describes Paul's state of being and is therefore the verb.

Adverbs are words that modify

- a <u>verb</u> (He drove <u>slowly</u>. How did he drive?)
- an adjective (He drove a very fast car. How fast was his car?)
- another <u>adverb</u> (She moved <u>quite</u> slowly down the aisle. How slowly did she move?)

Adverbs answer the question how, when, where, how often.

- where? there, here, outside
- when? now, then, later, immediately
- how? quickly, slowly, gracefully
- how often? how long? often, frequently, twice

Nouns Verbs Adjectives Adverbs

<u>NOUNS</u>	<u>VERBS</u>	ADJECTIVES	<u>ADVERBS</u>

Summer Writing 1

- ➤ **Pirections:** Answer each question below in complete sentences
- ➤ **TREMEMBER:** We are in the process of learning English, so just try your best!

1. Do you have a big family or a small family? How many people are there in your family
2. Who do you live with? Who are the people in your family?
3. Do you have any brothers or sisters? Are they older or younger than you?
4. Where did you live before you moved to the United States?
5. Why did your family move to the United States?
6. What do you think about living in the United States with your family?

Parent Signature: Date:		
add more information if you want.		
♥ Directions: Put all your answers above into a paragraph about your family. Feel free to		

Summer Writing 2

- ➤ Directions: Answer each question below in complete sentences
 ➤ REMEMBER: We are in the process of learning English, so just try your best!

1. What was the name of your school last year?		
2. Who was your favorite teacher?		
3. Why was she or he your favorite teacher?		
4. Where was your school last year?		
5. How did you get to this school everyday?		
6. What was your favorite subject? Why?		
7. What time did your school start? What time did it end?		
8. How many classes did you have during the school day?		

Parent Signature:	Date:
♥ Directions: Put all your answers above in free to add more information if you want.	to a paragraph about your school life. Feel Use past tense.