

White Oak Middle School

Summer enrichment and extension activities

We encourage students to do more than the minimum with learning. Here are some ideas for projects to enhance and enrich the summer reading experience. These projects are an opportunity to show your creative side. Select one project for each book read and connect it to at least one literary element from the graphic organizer. **Each project will count as a homework grade.** The important thing is to have fun doing this summer activity!

Ideas for projects

- **Brochure**- create a brochure that advertises why your book was exciting to read
- **Postcard**- create a postcard about your book
- **"American Idol"**- create a poem, song, or rap about your book (you may want to video tape yourself and bring it in as your project)
- **"Move & Groove"**- create a cheer, dance or step routine to introduce something interesting about your book
- **Create/build** a model about your topic (this works great with how-to books)
- **Creative collage**- create a collage, scrap book, or CD of digital pictures highlighting some interesting facts or entertaining parts about your book
- **"3,2,1...Action"**- act out a scene from your book

In addition to these extension activities, here are the anchor texts your student will likely read for the first quarter. The reading cannot count toward summer reading, but will prepare your student for a successful start to the year. Just like listening to a good song, reading a good book more than once gives the reader the opportunity to see deeper shades of meaning. That in itself is an important lesson to learn!

Sixth grade anchor text:

Maniac Magee

Jerry Spinelli

Seventh grade anchor text:

The Midwife's Apprentice

Karen Cushman

Catherine, Called Birdy

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Eighth grade anchor text:

The Skin I'm In

Sharon Flake

The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien