

Dear Parents/Guardians,

June 11, 2021

In preparation to make a smooth transition into next year, I would like to give everyone an advanced notice of the novels our class will be reading. The goal is to read one novel per Marking Period. Please pay close attention to the dates that we will begin each book. While these novels can be found at Barnes and Noble or the library, please keep in mind they have a limited stock. There might be a need to purchase the books online, therefore, it is very important not to wait until the last minute. I would **strongly** suggest purchasing these novels over the summer. If a student is not prepared on the day we begin, he/she will lose points on the activity connected to the lesson and earn a missing material slip. All of the novels and their start dates will be listed on the website and students will be reminded throughout the year. As we continue to move forward in literature, please be advised that some novels may contain content and subject matter for a mature audience.

**\*All dates are subject to change based on the length of the Marking Period. Any changes will be made in advance and plenty of notice will be given.\***

First Marking Period:

**The Giver** by Lois Lowry  
Start Date September 7th

Second Marking Period:

**The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Dover Thrift Edition)  
Start Date November 8th

Third Marking Period:

**The Wave** by Todd Strasser  
Start Date January 24th

Fourth Marking Period:

**The Maze Runner** by James Dashner  
Start Date March 28th

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

*Mrs. Zygmund*

# **8th Grade: Language Arts Assignments**

(7th Graders entering 8th Grade)

**Due: September 3, 2021**



This summer, your class has been assigned (10) ReadWorks Articles and (5) IXL Objectives to be completed by the due date listed above.

## **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

You will use your current class code and password for Readworks, and your existing IXL login. Please follow the directions for each assignment below.

### **Readworks:**

- Go to [digital.readworks.org/student](https://digital.readworks.org/student)
- Enter class code **PKNF67**
- Select your name from our class roster
- Enter default password **1234**
- Select the article you wish to complete first, then complete all assignments connected to that article. All written responses must be in complete sentences and demonstrate all proper grammatical techniques.

### **IXL:**

- Go to [ixl.com](https://www.ixl.com)
- Sign in using your existing account information
- Complete each of the 5 "Starred" objectives to 90%
- The required **7th Grade Grammar and Mechanics** objectives are:
  - Y. 5 (Identify the compound subject or compound predicate of a sentence)
  - Y. 6 (Is it a complete sentence or a run-on?)
  - AA. 5 (Identify and correct errors with plural and possessive nouns)
  - CC. 8 (Use relative pronouns: who, whom, whose, which, and that)
  - FF. 2 (Simple past, present, and future tense)
- Your score must be attained between the dates **6/11/21-9/03/21**
- **Only complete** the 7th Grade Starred Objectives