

Dear Students,

For the following months we will write letters to each other about our reading and our thoughts about our reading. The main goal is to allow you to share your thoughts, questions, reactions and observations about the book you are reading. We will write back to you and respond to your thoughts. Our letters will help us learn together.

Here is how it will work:

- ❖ You will continue to do your **nightly reading**.
- ❖ Added to this, once **every two weeks**, you will write a **letter** to us about the reading you did during the week. This will be due on a **Friday**.
- ❖ The letter will be **written in your journal** (if for any reason, you do not have your journal, you will write on paper and then we will attach it to your journal at a later date.) It will be about a half a page in length (or more if you wish!)
- ❖ We will tell you when it is your week to turn in a journal entry about your reading.
- ❖ We will write back to you and you will receive your journal after the weekend.
- ❖ On the off weeks, you will continue to have your **reading notes signed** and you will turn the completed notes in on a **Monday**.
- ❖ The week when you are not doing a journal response, will simply be a reading week.
- ❖ **We will give you many, many ideas and prompts that you can use to frame your entries. Are you ready? Here they are.....**

Prompts, ideas, questions, starters.....

- Write a summary about what happened in the section you read.
- Write personal reaction to what you read...what do you think about it?

- Tell about something funny, sad, exciting that happened in your reading.
- Why do you think the author wrote the book?
- What character is most like you and why?
- Were you surprised by something you read?
- Who is your favorite character and why?
- Write a diary entry pretending you are one of the characters
- Write an entry about a day you met the main character. What questions would you ask him/her?
- Compare two characters or two settings in the book.
- Does the writer use vivid describing words and images? Discuss these words.(see attached example)
- Write a poem about the character or setting of the book.
- Is there a problem in the story? Write about it.
- Do you have questions or/and comments for the author?
- What do you predict will happen in the book and/or to a character in the book?
- Write about the time in history that this story takes place and more....

We are looking forward to reading your letters.

Best,

Your teachers