



FERRIS JUNIOR HIGH

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Dear Parents,

The junior high offers an advanced reading and writing curriculum that is offered throughout the high school level and designed for college bound students. At the junior high level, we hope to prepare the student for more advanced classes at the high school. These classes require more outside work of the students and **no late work is accepted**. Students are also required to read either Bridge to Terebithia or My Side of the Mountain, complete a visual or a written project, and take an Accelerated Reader test over the novel chosen. This summer assignment is usually much longer and usually requires our honor students to read both book and complete two projects, but because of our delay in scheduling I am adjusting the normal requirements.

The advanced classes move at a faster pace and students are challenged at a higher level. Each student is expected to read the novel during the summer and complete the assigned work. The student will take an AR test over the novel on the first day of school. The project is also due on the first day of school to your ELA teacher. It is the student's choice which project type to complete. These assignments will count as several major test grades. Please make sure your child completes these assignments early so that he or she will not feel rushed and will do his or her best work. Your student is responsible for the safe keeping of the books and required work. You may come by the junior high to pick up a copy of the novel. Please call before you come to ensure that someone is here (972-544-2279).

Remember, no late work will be accepted. If your child has qualified for honors math (Pre-Algebra) or has been chosen for the honors science or honors social studies class(es), there is no summer requirements for them this year.

Thank you,

T.J. Knight
Principal of Ferris Junior High

At Ferris Junior High School, we will work for all students, helping them learn the academic skills necessary for success and encouraging positive, responsible behavior with respect for others.

The student is required to choose 1 of the following activities - from either column. Be prepared to present this to your classmates on the first day of school.

Visual Project Choices

Sculpture
 Pop up book
 Collage
 Collection of items relevant to the story
 Costume
 Diorama
 Mobil
 Model
 Poster
 PowerPoint Presentation
 Scrapbook
 Project Cube
 Terrarium

Written Project Choices

Advertisement
 Biography of a character
 Diary
 Letter
 News Report
 Newspaper Story
 Pamphlet
 Comparison to personal experiences
 Timeline
 Poem
 Eulogy
 Game

Visual Product Descriptor

Parts	Points	Attributes
1. Title	5 pts	neatly written or typed and prominently displayed
2. Model	15 pts	neat, accurate, relating to an important idea in the novel, all parts labeled
3. Text	15 pts	must have a written paragraph describing model and relating ideas, neatly written or typed
4. Presentation	15 pts	makes eye contact, speaks clearly and loudly, stands still, knowledgeable

Written Product Descriptor

Parts	Points	Attributes
1. Title	5 pts	neatly written or typed and prominently displayed
2. Text	30 pts	neatly written or typed, related to novel, must contain 8 – 10 facts from the novel
3. Presentation	15 pts	makes eye contact, speaks clearly and loudly, stands still, knowledgeable