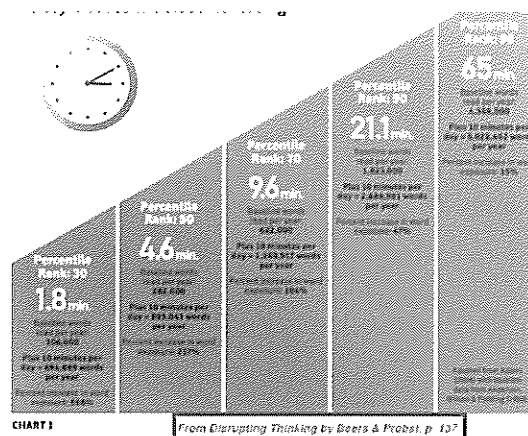


Ansonia Public Schools
Summer Reading 2023
Grades 6-8

Dear APS Families,

Your children have grown so much during this school year and they've worked hard to continuously improve their reading skills and strategies. Summer is a great opportunity for students to continue building their love of reading! It's also an important time for them to practice all that they've been taught over the course of the year. The graphic below showcases the growth that is possible when students increase their reading by only 10 minutes a day.



To ensure that summer reading helps maintain students' reading skills and strategies, Ansonia Middle School will require all students to read the award winning graphic novel *New Kid* by Jerry Craft . Each student will receive a copy of the book, a packet that contains Journal Questions for each chapter, and a Project Choice Board.

The journal questions and project choices have been designed and assigned to help students to monitor their comprehension as well as a way of engaging with the text. Students will need to complete the journal questions for each chapter and **choose one project** from the attached Choice Board to complete.

The project and journal questions will be due by **Friday, September 1st**. These two assignments will be the first two grades of the school year. Students will also be required to return their copy of *New Kid* to their Language Arts Teacher in good condition.

Sincerely,

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Please look through our choice board to set a plan for which project your child wants to complete this summer! Be ready to hand your project to your teacher by **Friday, September 1st**.

Ansonia Middle School Project Choice Board

<p>Soundtrack</p> <p>Create a soundtrack with 10 popular songs to go with your novel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select 10 songs that you feel represent the various literary elements of the novel.2. Create a playlist.3. Write a paragraph for each song explaining why you selected it, and how it represents the novel.	<p>Character Head</p> <p>While the students are reading their novel, they will be taking notes on the main characters and their characteristics. Students will then select their favorite character and use the information that they have gathered to complete the sheet and the character head.</p>	<p>Book PostCard</p> <p>Students will create three postcards coming from one of the characters. On the back of each postcard, write a short summary of an important event from the story. On the front, illustrate that event.</p>
<p>Character Interview</p> <p>You will write down up to 10 questions you have for two characters in the story. You will "interview" the character and create their responses based on what you learn about the characters' thoughts, emotions, actions, etc.</p>	<p>Novel One Pager</p> <p>A one-pager is a response to your reading. It is a creative and unique way to check for understanding. In this one-pager you will include key quotes, symbols, possible theme (s) and visual images.</p>	<p>Storyboard Summary</p> <p>Students will summarize the main events of the novel through a storyboard summary. They will pick 4 scenes that summarize key events from the beginning, middle, & end of the novel. The storyboard summary should include the main conflict & the resolution as well as a colored illustration & summary describing each scene using complete sentences</p>

New Kid
By Jerry Craft

Chapter 1

How do Mom and Jordan's impressions of the new school differ? What evidence from the text supports your answer?

Why does Jordan's dad believe a handshake is one of the most important rituals on earth? What details support your answer?

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Chapter 2

What event takes place that makes Jordan smile and think “Hallelujah”? Why does this make him so happy?

What makes Jordan feel lost and alone? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 3

Jordan states that lunch was fun, but he could have done without Andy. Why does he make this statement?

How do you think Jordan's mom will respond to the deal he made with his dad? Support with details from the text.

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Chapter 4

Jordan states that when he rides the bus to school he has to be like a chameleon. What does this mean? Explain using details from the text.

Who are the "Three Horsemen of the Apocalypse"? Infer why this name might fit them.

Chapter 5

Coach approaches Jordan before the soccer game and makes a few uncomfortable comments. What comments are made? Do you believe the coach means to be insensitive?

Chapter 6

Drew doesn't want to worry his grandmother with how he feels about school. What bothers him about school?

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What obstacles does Jordan face daily at school?

Chapter 7

What does the way Jordan describes the friends he made at his school reveal about him? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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How does Jordan's conversation with his grandfather impact his actions later in the chapter? Use evidence to support your answer.

Chapter 8

Do you consider the question Drew asks Ms. Rawle shocking? Why or why not?

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How does the phrase, “never judge a book by its cover,” apply to the events of this chapter? Use evidence to support your answer.

Chapter 9

Why does Liam tell Jordan that he is lucky to have a dad like he has? What details from the text support this?

Chapter 10

How was Jordan and Drew's Christmas break different from the other students? How do they feel when the other students are sharing their stories? Use evidence from the text.

Provide two pieces of evidence that support the claim that Jordan is uncomfortable around Alex.

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Chapter 11

What is the purpose of a Public Service Announcement? What details from Jordan's Public Service Announcement support your understanding of it?

Chapter 12

Drew stands up for himself when Andy bothers him. What was the last straw?

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Why did the other students begin telling on Andy when the teacher thought Drew was out fault? What details from the text lead you to believe this?

Chapter 13

Why does Jordan believe the worst thing you can do is call him someone else's name?

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Ms. Rawle thinks Jordan's sketchbook is a "polemic" against everything. Do you agree with Ms/ Rawle or do you believe Jordan? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer.

Chapter 14

Jordan's character changes at the end of the novel in several ways. What changes occurred? How do you know?

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Describe the meaning of the metaphor, "Friends are like training wheels for a bike. They always keep you from falling down"? How does this apply to the novel?
