

Dumont Public Schools

Entry to English 8

Summer Reading Assignment

Due Date: Friday, September 14th, 2018

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is hard to believe the end of the 2017-2018 school year is here. We are very proud of all of our students' accomplishments and the academic growth that they have made.

This year, students going into eighth grade in September will be reading *Walk Two Moons*, a novel by Sharon Creech. *Walk Two Moons* is a high interest, entertaining, and age-appropriate text. Please encourage your child to read additional books that he/she finds interesting and enjoyable. Research supports the fact that students who read over the summer return to school more likely to maintain or improve upon their reading skills. The most important thing is that students read, read, read!

Incoming eighth graders will complete a reading guide to accompany *Walk Two Moons* by Friday, September 14th, 2018. You may purchase this book at the Barnes & Noble in Paramus or Hackensack; they have been notified of our summer reading assignments. Another option is to borrow/request the book through the public library system (BCCLS) allowing ample time for this request. An additional option is accessing a free PDF copy of the book online by scanning this QR code (Please note that it may take a while to load). Please contact your child's school if you would like to borrow a copy.

The eighth grade teachers are looking forward to working with you and your child next year. Please return the tear-off below to acknowledge your receipt of this assignment and have your child return it to his/her current language arts teacher by the end of the year.

Sincerely,  
The Eighth Grade ELA Teachers



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8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment (1 Writing Grade)

“I understand the requirements of the summer assignment due on Friday, September 14th, 2018.”

Child's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Current ELA Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Note:**

1. **CER:** All answers must be typed and follow the CER Strategy.

- ❖ **Claim** = the **answer** to the question. Make sure you restate the question in your answer.
- ❖ **Evidence** = what you use from the **text to support your answer**. An example of a stem (sentence starter) **is in the text it states...**(make sure you put the author's words in quotation marks).
- ❖ **Reasoning** = explaining **WHY** your evidence supports the claim you made. This can include anecdotal stories or information that strengthens your answer. A stem could be **this means/this shows...**

2. **Flashback:** *Walk Two Moons* is written as a **flashback**.

- ❖ A flashback is when a character writes about an event that happened in the past.
- ❖ When you read *Walk Two Moons* remember to keep in mind that the main character, Sal, is recalling a trip that she took with her grandparents that changed her life. This event **ALREADY OCCURRED**.
- ❖ Pay special attention to what Sal learns about her mother as well as what she learns as a result of her journey.

## Analyzing Literature

### Recall and Interpret

Directions: Answer all questions by restating the question in the answer, answer the question, cite evidence from the text, and explain. All answers must be typed.

#### *Walk Two Moons Chapters 1 - 11*

1. What reasons do Gramps and Sal's father give Sal for going on the trip? According to Sal, what are the real reasons? Why might the real reasons have been left unspoken?
2. Sal explains that the first mysterious message means that one shouldn't judge people until one has been in their shoes. Is this advice that Phoebe follows? Give reasons for your answer.

#### *Walk Two Moons Chapters 12 - 22*

1. What name does Sal's mother wish people would call her? How is this wish related to the reason she gives for having to leave the farm?
2. Several mysteries remain unanswered at this point in the novel. They include the following:
  - a. Who is Mrs. Cadaver?
  - b. Who is the lunatic?
  - c. Why is someone leaving the mysterious messages?
  - d. Why has Mrs. Winterbottom disappeared?
  - e. What has happened to Sal's mother?

Choose TWO of the FIVE mysteries and make predictions by inferring the answer. Make sure you include clues from the text.

#### *Walk Two Moons Chapters 23 - 33*

1. What does Sal believe may have caused her mother to lose her baby? How might that belief affect Sal's feelings?
2. What does Sal learn about Mrs. Cadaver's husband? How does this alter her attitude toward Mrs. Cadaver?

#### *Walk Two Moons Chapters 34 - 44*

1. What does Sal learn about Ben's mother? How might this information bring Sal and Ben closer together?
2. How did Sal deny or refuse to face the truth about her mother? Why do you think she denied the truth for so long?