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Dear Rising Eighth Graders,

You did such a great job with last summer's projects that I'm excited to see what you come up with this time,

The first book - the one of your choice - has no assignment attached. I want you to read for your pleasure. Just bring me a list of the book(s) you read with a sentence or two telling me why you chose it and whether or not you would recommend it. I will post a file on Classroom (The 7th grade one) for you to upload it.

For your second book, we chose to read one of the following

Edge by Roland Smith

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry or

White Bird - a graphic novel by R. J. Palacio

For your project, choose **one** of the following (or a combination) and be creative.

1. Keep a journal as you read the story the way Peak did as he experienced it (and the way you did when we read Peak). You could do it as a diary, an art journal, a "graphic diary" (sort of like a comic-book diary), or something else you think of.
2. The same kind of journal idea adapted to one of the other books.
3. Write a book review that could be posted on an online review site (like Goodreads) recommending this book (or not). Note: This is not a summary of the book; it gives your opinion of the book and the reasons you do or do not recommend it.
- 3: Create a social media campaign to share Peak's new journey with the world. You could tweet his adventures, share "photos" on Instagram, or make a Snapchat story. You could do a similar social media campaign to teach about the history contained in the other books.
- 4: Write a letter to one of the characters or the author. Share your reactions.
- 5: Create your own book trailer or do a video book review.
6. Research the setting and/or history of the book. Share what you learned via digital media or a written report.
- 7: If you have some other idea, feel free to email me and check it out.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Curry