



To: Parents/Guardians of Atlantis Charter School's 7th grade students
From: Mr. Andolfo
Date: Summer 2010
Re: Summer Reading Project Requirements

In keeping with Atlantis Charter School's quest to improve the reading skills of all our students, the school will be providing a summer reading project.

The focus of this reading project is as follows:

- o Reinforce reading *strategies*
- o Polish *comprehension* skills

The summer project that has been chosen for 7th grade students moving to 8th will require the reading of one assigned book from the following list:

- o *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- o *Z For Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien
- o *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- o *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

The students will write a book review on the book of their choice. All students are familiar with the book review format, as they have written several of them throughout the year. For more information on the specifics of this assignment, please see your child's summer reading sheet.

Thank you for helping us to provide your child with an education that is second to none.

Yours in education,

Mr. Andolfo

✂ Please cut section below, complete it, and return to your HR teacher

Summer Reading Project

Please **sign this portion** and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

I have reviewed the attached Summer Reading notice for the summer of 2009 and agree to its requirements.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

Atlantis Charter School
Summer Reading 2010

for Mr. Andolfo's students leaving 7th grade - entering the 8th grade

Please read the following instructions **CAREFULLY!!**

Choose one of the following books to read. You may only choose from this list. If you have already read one of the books on this list, you may **NOT** select that book.

- *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- *Z For Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

You are responsible for doing the following:

- Read the book in its entirety
- Complete a book review including a paragraph on the following:
 - Summary (beginning and middle)
 - Theme
 - Strengths and weaknesses
 - Recommendation
 - Resolution (on a separate sheet of paper)

You are all familiar with the book review format. You have all written several of these throughout the year. Book reviews can either be typed or hand-written in pen. Each paragraph should be **AT LEAST** five sentences.

All of these books can be found at any public library or bookstore, or can be ordered through Amazon.com. At Amazon.com you can buy used books, which look new, for a great deal less.

If obtaining a book is a problem, please provide Mr. Andolfo with a note from a parent/guardian as to the reason why and he will help locate a copy of the book for you.