

Summer Reading Information

7th Grade - *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare

8th Grade - *The Cage* by Ruth Minsky Sender

All graded assignments are to be turned in on loose leaf notebook paper written in black ink. Students are NOT allowed to use *Cliff Notes*, *Spark Notes*, or any other notes found on the computer. This is considered cheating, and a failing grade will be given.

1. Authorial Background - Each student will need to research the author's background. Include the author's date of birth and the date of death, if applicable, as well as the place of birth and information about the author's childhood and family, his education, his other works, information about any awards he has received, his reasons for writing this book, and anything that is important about the book.
2. Setting - Each student will need to include the **place** setting, giving as much information as possible, as well as the **time** setting. Be specific. Write in present tense.
3. Characters - List **all** characters - major and minor. Identify each character in a complete sentence. Write the identification in the present tense.
4. Plot Summary - Write a one to two page summary of the book. Do not try to retell the entire book - just summarize.

Have a great summer! I look forward to seeing each of you next year!

Mrs. Rogers