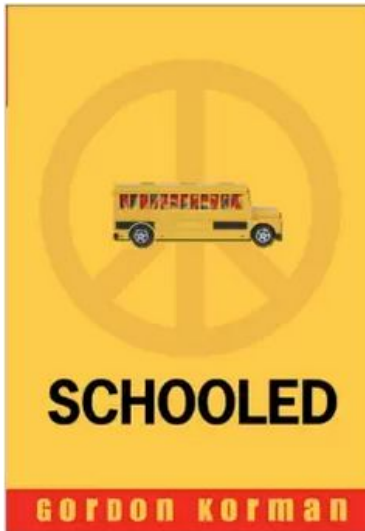


Summer Reading for Incoming Seventh Graders

Now that you are entering seventh grade, it is only natural that you will begin to think about your identity and the content of your character. In fact, those are two overarching themes of seventh grade English. “Identity” is defined as your individuality, and “character” is defined by the group of inner qualities that make you “you”!



The novel we have chosen for summer reading this year is Schooled by Gordon Korman. Narrated from many different points of view, Schooled tells the story of Capricorn Anderson. Raised by his grandmother in a very non-traditional environment, Cap is suddenly thrust into a new middle school when his grandmother gets injured. Cap must decide if he will conform to what is expected, surrender to the bullies, or stay true to himself. It is an interesting, relatable and timely novel as we begin our study of “identity”.

1. Be prepared to discuss three distinguishing qualities of Capricorn (aka Cap) and how they contributed to his success in the story.

*Two are chosen for you (empathy and perseverance), the third is your choice.
Choose from the following qualities: open-mindedness, humility, bravery, leadership, or creativity.*

2. For each quality, you should find two pieces of textual evidence with page number and write it down. You may use the graphic organizer on the back of this handout.

3. You will complete both a written response and a discussion within the first month of school.

We look forward to seventh grade with you! Happy reading!

Ms. Cook -- Team Wildfire (5)

Ms. Moss -- Team Tornado (7)

Mrs. Jones -- Team Tidal Wave (6)

Mrs. O'Neill -- Team Landslide (8)

- Please borrow the novel from your local library, download electronically, or purchase your own copy. If you are unable to do any of the following, please email Mrs. O'Neill (koneill@sau16.org) and arrangements can be made to borrow a classroom library copy.

Capricorn Qualities

Be prepared to discuss **three** distinguishing qualities of Capricorn aka Cap and how they contributed to his success in the story.

Quality	Pg#	Textual Evidence (word for word). Don't forget quotation marks.	How did this contribute to his success?
#1 EMPATHY Definition:			
#2 PERSEVERANCE Definition:			
#3 (choose from list) <hr/> Definition:			

