

## Independent Reading Schedule

Research has shown that the more time students spend reading independently at home, the better they do in reading, the more they learn to enjoy reading, and the higher their reading scores. Therefore, students will be required to read one book per marking period. Each book report must be written on the assigned book report form or retyped on your home computer using the same format. Each completed book report must be signed by your parent or guardian.

Hopefully, students will choose books they will really enjoy reading both for required and extra-credit grades. Students may obtain books from the school library, my own personal classroom library, or through a bookstore. The aim is to learn to love reading as a pleasurable activity.

### Book Report Grades:

Book reports are graded as a test grade! Points will be taken off for misspelling, incomplete or run-on sentences, grammar, punctuation mistakes, incomplete information and for sloppy presentation. If a book report is turned in prior to the due date, you will receive extra-credit.

### Extra-Credit Book Reports:

Students will have the availability to complete up to **TWO** extra-credit book reports per marking period. This will allow you to earn up to 25 points per completed report. These formats are shorter than the normal book report formats. These may only be completed if a student is missing **no more** than two homework assignments **and** you have turned in your marking period written assignment.

### Book Report Forms:

All forms, regular and extra-credit, are available in my classroom and on my website <http://msgageela7.weebly.com>

### Banned Books:

The following list of books will not be allowed for book report use. We will be reading these novels in class. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a zero for your book report grade.

*A Long Walk To Water*

*Letters From Rifka*

*Crash*

*Touching Spirit Bear*

### Due Dates:

Marking Period 1: Friday, October 28

Marking Period 2: Friday, January 6

Marking Period 3: Friday, March 24

Marking Period 4: Friday, June 2

