

HCS 7th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Parents:

Students entering 7th grade at Houma Christian School are required to read one book this summer. The title is listed below along with the assignment. Research shows that the frequency of reading plays a significant role in reading level retention. Therefore, we encourage students to read throughout the summer. The 7th grade summer book is The Heart Reader of Franklin High by Terri Blackstock. It can be purchased at local bookstores or ordered online.

Summer reading will consist of a 50 point comprehension reading test taken on the second day of class. Students may want to make annotations or take notes to study before the test. The first in-class writing assignment for the school year will be a 50 point English grade based on this novel. Students will need to bring their novel to class every day.

Read as much as you can this summer – keep your brain working. Enjoy your summer, and don't wait until the last minute! See you in August!

The Heart Reader of Franklin High by Terri Blackstock

Summary: When Jake Sheffield, a typical Christian teenager, awakens to discover that he can hear the deepest spiritual needs of those around him, the reality of the deep needs of the world hits him. And the lives he touches, through the help of the Holy Spirit, will never be the same. As his friends witness the power of sharing Christ with others, they too begin to "hear" like Jake. *The Heart Reader of Franklin High* is a moving, evangelistic challenge for Christian teens.

Assignments:

1. Comprehension test: Students will take a 50-point test in reading.
2. In-class writing: Students will complete an in-class writing assignment worth 50 points in English.