“Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage.”

–Roald Dahl

1. **Read the novel Ghost**, by Jason Reynolds.

2. **Design a new cover for the book.** Use an unlined sheet of white paper and include:
   a. the author’s name
   b. book title
   c. images that relate to the greater meaning of the novel

3. Then, **type one paragraph** explaining why you chose these scenes, colors or symbols for the cover. Why are these images important to the story? Show your understanding of the novel through this response.

4. **Read one book from the MS Reading Extravaganza Book List.**

5. **Read at least one other book.**
   a. See the Bancroft Library’s page, “What should I read next?” for ideas, but it can be any book that interests you.

6. **Write a list of books (including the three above) you read this summer.**
   a. Underline titles and write the author’s full name. Put a star next to any book you would recommend to me.
b. At the bottom of the list, tell me why you read what you read in 1-3 sentences, total. (You don’t need to explain why you read each book, but why you read that list of books.) Particularly, what drew you to these books? Did you like them? Why?

c. Have your parents sign the list.

7. Finally, write an “Independent Reading Plan” with titles and authors. Find at least 5 book titles and authors you would like to read this year outside of school. Friends and family members might have good suggestions for you! Make a list of these 5 books so you can refer back to it throughout the year.

8. On September 4th, bring (1) your copy of Ghost, (2) your cover, (3) paragraph, (4) the list of books you have read and (5) ORB plan to school.

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