**Introduction to 8th Grade Reading Logs**

**READING LOGS DUE September 15, 2016**

**Directions:** You must read at least **30 minutes a night** at least **FOUR (4) nights a week** for a total of 120 minutes (2 hours). After you read, you will **respond to a writing prompt (a minimum of 4 each week)**. In your Reading Log response journal, number your response so it corresponds to a prompt below. You may only use each prompt once. Encourage your parent to read along with you or respond in your journal, too!

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| **Your response should be set up like this:**  DATE and TIME SPENT READING  BOOK TITLE  By AUTHOR  PAGES READ  1. ………. | **Example**:  9/1/2014, 5:00-5:30pm  Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix  By J.K. Rowling  Pgs. 1-15  1. I chose this book because….. |

This week, a parent/guardian must **sign** your reading log.

You will also have projects associated with the books you independently read. Please try to choose a “just right” book for you—and one you have not read before.

**THIS WEEK’S PROMPTS (you may choose to respond in any order….chose at least four this week!):**

1. Tell why you chose your book to read. What factors went into your decision (interesting cover, back cover, recommendation)?

Start out: I chose this book because…

1. How does your book begin? First describe the events that start your story. Then tell if this is a good, effective way for the author to start the book. Explain why or why not. What would you change?

Start out: My book begins… This is a good/bad way to start the story because…

1. Who is the main character in your book? What is this character like? Tell the character’s name, age, appearance, friends, personality, and problems…

Start out: The main character of my book is…

1. Would you like to live like the characters in your book? Explain how they live (the situation) and why or why not you would like to live like that.

Start out: I would/would not like to live like my characters because…

**Turn over for more🡪**

1. If you were the main character in your book, how would you handle the situation he or she faces in the story? Be sure to briefly describe the situation before telling how you would handle it.

Start out: If I were the main character in my book I would…

1. What do you think of the title of your book? Is it a good title? “Does it fit your book? Why do you think the author chose this title? Explain how the title fits the book or make up a better title and tell why the new title is better.

Start out: The title of my book is… This is a good/bad title because… The author chose this title because… **-or-** I think\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a better title because…

1. Predict what will happen next in your book. To do this you must briefly explain the situation, make your prediction, and tell why you predict this.

Start out: The situation of my book is…