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UP Academy Boston Summer Reading

Dear Reader,

Congratulations on successfully completing the school year! We want you to enjoy a well-deserved break! We also want you to continue to enjoy reading and learning over the next couple of months! This letter describes your summer reading assignment. Keep reading to learn more!

Did you know that scientific studies have shown that students who read regularly do better in school? Seriously! It's important to continue reading on break so that you keep thinking, learning, and exercising your brain. So, find a cool place to curl up and enjoy as many books as you can this summer!

We are excited to announce that all students and teachers will be reading the same book this summer! The book, **Warriors Don't Cry** by Melba Patillo Beals, is a true story about a girl who perseveres when life for her becomes very challenging. Stay tuned to learn more about Melba and her story from the teachers you will have next year!

This letter includes all of the details you'll need to successfully complete your summer reading homework, including:

- A guide to the assignments for the reading
- Helpful tips for the book
- The annotation rubric you'll be scored on in August
- Lined space for you to write your essay

Happy Reading!

Your ELA teachers

A guide to your summer homework

Step 1: Read and annotate *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Patillo Beals

The book you will read is a memoir. It is the true story of a courageous, young African American student who risked her life, along with eight other African American students, to integrate an all-white school in the South in the 1950s. **As you read, please include at annotations on at least every three pages.** There is a rubric attached to this packet that explain the expectations for the annotations.

Step 2: Write a multi-paragraph essay based on the book

Read the essay prompts below and choose one. As you read the book, think about one (or all!) of the essay questions. Be sure to collect evidence by annotating that will support the essay topics so that when it comes time to write the essay, you already have all of your notes. You will write a multi-paragraph essay about this book based on what you learned. **This essay will count for your first grade of the year.** This is a great opportunity to start your year strong with an 'A' in your ELA class!

Please choose **ONE** of the following prompts for your essay. There is space provided in this packet for you to write your essay.

1. Why do you think Melba wrote this book about her memories of being one of the Little Rock Nine? Create a claim to this question and provide at least three reasons with examples from the book.
2. Explore one of the themes as it is developed in *Warriors Don't Cry*. Create a claim that explains the author's message. Provide at least three examples from the book and explain the pieces of evidence thoroughly.
 - Courage
 - Racism
 - Family
3. Explore the role that Link plays. Create a claim that describes how he important to the book. Provide at least three reasons with examples from the book.

Step 3: Turn in your summer homework on the first day of school!

Bring in your annotated summer reading and your essay on the first day of school.

You will turn this assignment in to your ELA teacher.

Helpful tips for successfully completing your summer homework assignment

- ✓ Find a partner to read with – this could be a friend, sibling, cousin, or other family member!
- ✓ Listen to the audiobook and read along with it! **(See below for ways to get the audiobook)**
- ✓ Make a plan to read every day. If you 10 pages a day, you'll finish the book by the end of July!
- ✓ Learn more about the Little Rock Nine. Search "Little Rock Nine" on Youtube or Netflix to build your background knowledge about Melba and her story.

Ways to listen to the audiobook

One way to enjoy the book and build your comprehension is to listen to it being read aloud while you follow along in your own copy of the book. You can find the audiobook and listen to it being read by a professional actor or author! Or, sometimes you will find the audiobook being read by other students just like you. Below are two ways you can get access to the audiobook.

- ✓ Go to your library and check-out a copy of the audiobook (a list of library locations is attached to this packet).
- ✓ Search "Warriors Don't Cry audiobook" on Youtube. You will find each chapter being read aloud for you to read along with as you annotate your copy.

Annotation Rubric

Rubric Categories	Number of Annotations	Quality of Annotations
5 Thorough and Insightful	Ample margin notes	Insightful margin notes with many connections made beyond the text; outstanding effort
4 Acceptable and Literal	Sufficient margin notes	Literal margin notes show understanding of the text; sufficient effort
3 Attempted and Gaps	Some margin notes	Some margin notes show understanding; some effort
2 Partial and Incomplete	Few margin notes	Many margin notes are unclear; little effort
1 Unclear and Inaccurate	Very few margin notes	Most margin notes are unclear; very little effort

Finding your book!

If you are unable to buy a copy or miss the chance to get one at school, here is a list of libraries:

Downtown Boston

South End

685 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
02118
617-536-8241

West End

151 Cambridge Street, Boston,
MA 02114
617-523-3957

Allston/Brighton

Faneuil

419 Faneuil Street, Brighton, MA
02135
617-782-6705

Brighton

40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton,
MA 02135
617-782-6032

Honan-Allston

300 North Harvard Street,
Allston, MA 02134
617-787-6313

Charlestown

Charlestown

179 Main Street, Charlestown,
MA 02129
617-242-1248

Dorchester

Adams Street

690 Adams Street, Dorchester,
MA 02122
617-436-6900

Codman Square

690 Washington Street,
Dorchester, MA 02124
617-436-8214

Fields Corner

1520 Dorchester Avenue,
Dorchester, MA 02122
617-436-2155

Grove Hall

41 Geneva Avenue,
Dorchester, MA 02121
617-427-3337

Lower Mills

27 Richmond Street, Dorchester,
MA 02124
617-298-7841

Uphams Corner

500 Columbia Road,
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-265-0139

East Boston

East Boston

365 Bremen Street, East Boston,
MA 02128
617-569-0271

Hyde Park

Hyde Park

35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park,
MA 02136
617-361-2524

Jamaica Plain

Connolly

433 Centre Street, Jamaica
Plain, MA 02130
617-522-1960

Jamaica Plain

30 South Street, Jamaica Plain,
MA 02130
617-524-2053

Mattapan

Mattapan

1350 Blue Hill Avenue,
Mattapan, MA 02126
617-298-9218

Roslindale

Roslindale

4246 Washington Street,
Roslindale, MA 02131
617-323-2343

Roxbury

Dudley

65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA
02119
617-442-6186

Egleston Square

2044 Columbus Avenue,
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-445-4340

Parker Hill

1497 Tremont Street, Roxbury,
MA 02120
617-427-3820

South Boston

South Boston

646 East Broadway, South
Boston, MA 02127
617-268-0180

West Roxbury

West Roxbury

1961 Centre Street, West
Roxbury, MA 02132
617-325-3147