

Welcome to 8th Grade ELA

June 2017

Dear 8th Graders and Parents,

The summer slide: it sounds fun, but it can make the transition from seventh grade to eighth grade very difficult. Saints John and Paul School students can start strong in September if their reading habits don't "slide" away during the summer.

Students entering 8th grade must read: 8A: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak and 8G: They Cage the Animals at Night by Jennings Michael Burch. After reading the novels, they are to complete the given exam/writing project. This will be collected and graded during the first week of school and will count towards their first quarter ELA grade.

Please encourage your child to read other books for enjoyment this summer. Have a terrific summer! I am looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Rose Scozzari

Name: _____

Literature 86

Date: _____

They Cage the Animals at Night

End of Book Exam

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Sister Frances controlled the movement of the children by _____.
 - a. Clicking a clicker
 - b. Beating a drum
 - c. Blowing a horn
2. Which brother thought that education was the most important thing in life?
 - a. Larry
 - b. Walter
 - c. George
3. How did Jennings react when his mom came to pick him up at Home of Angels?
 - a. He hit her.
 - b. He said he didn't want to go.
 - c. He fainted.
4. What gift did Jennings give to Mark before he left with his mother?
 - a. An angel
 - b. Doggie
 - c. Brownie
5. How old was Jennings when he first went to an orphanage?
 - a. Eight and a half
 - b. Seven
 - c. Eleven
6. Jerome suffered from _____.
 - a. Alcohol abuse
 - b. Mental instability
 - c. A heart condition
7. Jennings became a _____.

- a. Police officer
 - b. Zoo keeper
 - c. Child care worker
8. How did Ronny get the scar on his face?
- a. He had surgery
 - b. He was beaten
 - c. He fell off a train
9. What did the Daily's buy Jennings that he had never had before?
- a. A television
 - b. An ice cream cone
 - c. A pair of slippers
10. Who comes to the zoo to get Jennings?
- a. Mrs. Daily
 - b. Sal
 - c. George

Short Answers:

1. How did Jennings handle bullies during his stays at various orphanages?

2. What phrase did Jennings have trouble saying to people and why?

3. What place of refuge did Jennings keep returning to?

4. What confused people about Jennings' name?

5. Do you agree that Jennings had an honest, good reason for running away from the Daily's? Tell why you feel the way you do.

Essay: On a separate sheet of paper, write a 3 paragraph essay answering the following question: explain the theme of "caging the animals." Give specific examples from the novel and explain them thoroughly.

