



Friendship Junior High School Summer Reading Program

Grade 8

Dear Eighth Grader,

The eighth grade teachers are very excited to share with you one of their favorite books to read and enjoy over the summer. ***Stargirl***, by **Jerry Spinelli**, will help the class of 2017 become a community of readers from day one!

Your future language arts teacher is asking that you read ***Stargirl*** and complete the attached corresponding document over the summer. This will be the first grade you receive in eighth grade language arts; make a good impression by working hard on this assignment. The document should assist you in preparing for **the AR test that you will take shortly after returning to school.**

We're happy to gift each of you a brand new copy of this book! It is yours to keep, and we encourage you to take notes or underline in it as you see fit. We look forward to discussing the book in August!

If you have any questions throughout the course of the summer, please email any of the following teachers.

Sincerely,

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Stargirl

Jerry Spinelli

Plot Summary: Write a one-sentence summary of the most important events from each chapter. If you need additional space, attach a sheet of looseleaf paper to this document.

Chapter	One-sentence summary
Porcupine Necktie	Ex. 1: Leo Borlock, the main character, collects porcupine neckties and mysteriously receives one for his 14th birthday. Ex. 2: Leo Borlock was gifted a porcupine necktie from his uncle, and despite searching for others for years, he came up empty until one was anonymously dropped at his front door on his 14th birthday.
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Reflection: Consider the characters in *Stargirl*. Which character do you relate to most? Follow the format below. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper and staple it to this document.

First paragraph: Restate the question and provide your answer.

Second paragraph: An explanation of one reason why you relate to that character. Include textual evidence and personal experience.

Third paragraph: An explanation of another reason why you relate to that character. Include textual evidence and personal experience.

Fourth paragraph: One-sentence conclusion that restates the question and your answer.