

## 8th Grade Advanced English Summer Reading – *The Hobbit*

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade! You will need to read **TWO** novels over the summer. This year you have a choice as to the first novel you will read over the summer - *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien or *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. *The Hobbit* deals with magic and monsters, traps and treasures, and an extraordinary, though reluctant hero named Bilbo Baggins. *Little Women* deals with the adventures and growing up of four sisters. You may notice that these are more challenging novels. You will also need to complete the other Summer Reading Assignment that **all** of the eighth graders are doing. This will be your second book. While this may seem like a lot, understand that you have been selected for Advanced English which means you can handle it.

You will be required to complete a project for each book by the end of your reading. Both assignments are due on the **first day of school**.

Project – Choose **one** of the following writing projects:

- Point of View – Suppose one of the characters from *The Hobbit* or *Little Women* came to life today. How would he/she react to our modern world? What would the character see, hear, and feel?
- Sales Pitch – Write a persuasive letter to a friend, relative, teacher, etc. attempting to convince him/her to read or not read this book.
- Compare/Contrast – Choose a hero from another fantasy book you have read (no movies, please), and discuss the similarities and differences between that hero (ex. Harry Potter) and Bilbo Baggins or Jo March.
- From the project sheet for your other summer reading, choose one of the following: the Soundtrack, Conduct an Interview or PowerPoint projects.

All writing projects should be at least five paragraphs and must address the topic completely. The writing projects may be hand written or typed, though we would definitely prefer typed.

If you have any questions over the summer, you may contact me at [melissa.sooy@millville.org](mailto:melissa.sooy@millville.org) or Mrs. Tymkiw at [judith.tymkiw@millville.org](mailto:judith.tymkiw@millville.org).

Have a great summer...happy reading...see you in September!!! ☺