

Online Responses for Summer Reading

Pierce School Pilot

Students Entering Grade 6

Getting Started

1. Go to pierceschool.edublogs.org
2. Review the Posting Guidelines and Blogging Guidelines posts.
3. On the right Categories menu, click to choose the category for the book to which you are responding.
4. See the Model post for help.

Writing a Comment

1. On the post to which you want to respond, click Comments. **Only use your first name and first initial of your last name.** Do not provide an email address; it is not necessary.
2. Type the anti-spam word correctly in its box.
3. In the Comment, be sure to list the title and author of the book.
4. Write at least two paragraphs about a book using two or more of the prompts listed below. Then comment on someone else's thoughts about their book.

What does the story remind you of?

What kinds of images did you see while you were reading?

What do you think will happen next in the story?

What did you like most about the main character?

What kinds of surprises did the story give you?

Compare this story to another story you've read.

Compare this main character to yourself or another character.

Or, include a prompt of your own. Some common question beginnings include:

How did...?

Why would...?

What will...?

I wonder if...?

Do you think...?

Blogging Guidelines

These are derived from Bud the Teacher. During their blog orientation, Pierce students read and agreed to follow these guidelines.

1. Students using blogs are expected to treat blogspaces as classroom spaces. Speech that is inappropriate for class is not appropriate for our blog. While we encourage you to engage in debate and conversation with other bloggers, we also expect that you will conduct yourself in a manner reflective of a representative of this school.

2. Never EVER EVER give out or record personal information on our blog. Our blog exists as a public space on the Internet. Don't share anything that you don't want the world to know. For your safety, be careful what you say, too. Don't give out your phone number or home address. This is particularly important to remember if you have a personal online journal or blog elsewhere.
3. Again, your blog is a public space. And if you put it on the Internet, odds are really good that it will stay on the Internet. Always. Be sure that anything you write you are proud of. It can come back to haunt you if you don't.
4. Never link to something you haven't read. While it isn't your job to police the Internet, when you link to something, you should make sure it is something that you really want to be associated with. If a link contains material that might be creepy or make some people uncomfortable, you should probably try a different source.