

Summer Reading

Bishop Seabury English 7 – Barbour

Before school starts in August, every incoming seventh grader must read **two books**:

- *Ms. Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
- *Unnatural Creatures: Stories Selected by Neil Gaiman*

You will need **your own copies** (print or digital) during the 1st quarter. Feel free to find any copy you'd like online, but our local bookstore, The Raven, also has copies for sale. Here's what you do:

1) READ THOSE BOOKS!

Pace your reading so that you aren't desperate to finish in early August. This reading should be enjoyable... don't make it work. **Keep simple notes in the books you read** - mark up the text, dog ear your pages, write little notes in the margins. You will need to remember the main characters and what they were like, the story's major problem, the setting, and perhaps the scenes that most captured your imagination or that taught you something.

2) SEND ME A POSTCARD. Include:

- An image on front that relates to the themes of the books
- Introduce yourself by name
- Your favorite short story *Unnatural Creatures* and **why?**
- What you think will happen next after the ending of *Ms. Peregrine*
- a parent signature vouching for the fact that you have finished the books.

Mail your postcard to my home address by (cue spooky music): **FRIDAY, AUG. 13** :

Neal Barbour
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Lawrence, KS 66049

Have fun reading, and I look forward to hearing about what you learn!

Mr. Barbour
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NOTE: *If you didn't know you were coming to Seabury until late summer, read Ms. Peregrine first.*