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Dear In-coming 7th Grade St. Joseph School Students,

As I begin to prepare for our next school year in ELA and literature; your summer reading novel, *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis, will be an introduction to some of the themes and main ideas we will be discussing and analyzing this year. It is a light hearted, often humorous story (with a surprise ending), of a young boy set in Michigan during the Great Depression.

I am asking you to complete the following assignment and bring it with you to class on the second day of school; or you may email it to me anytime at amonticello@sjsf.dfrcs.org before the second day of school.

It may be typed or handwritten.

- Briefly describe Bud, the main character. This can be done in roughly 5-6 sentences. Describe him as you would to a family member or friend. In addition to his personal characteristics such as age and grade; tell about his personality, maybe mention how he got his name and/or other interesting facts about him.
- Next, the setting (time and place) of this novel is Flint, Michigan during the 1930's (the Great Depression). In one paragraph of 5-6 sentences describe **one** specific smaller setting Bud travels to or through during the course of the story. For example, the time he spent with the Amos family can be described as one small setting.
- Finally, the novel is filled with many thoughtful and meaningful quotes expressed mostly by Bud. Find and write one quote which you enjoyed or was meaningful to you. Include the page number and tell why you chose it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me any time. I look forward to seeing all of you on the first day of our new school year as we embark on new learning adventures!

Warmly,

Mrs. Monticello, MAT
Middle School Language Arts & Literature Teacher