

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Middle School Summer Homework

ELA with Mrs. Haake

Summer 2026

Restart Summer Reading Choice Board – 7th Grade

Directions

After reading *Restart* by Gordon Korman, choose **2 activities** to complete.

Select activities from different categories when possible. Your work should show creativity, effort, and thoughtful understanding of the novel.

Creative

Character Timeline – Create a timeline showing Chase’s life before and after his accident. Include important turning points.

New Book Cover – Design an updated cover for *Restart* that represents the story’s themes and conflicts.

Social Media Profile – Create a realistic social media page for one character including posts, captions, and comments.

Movie Poster – Design a movie poster for *Restart*. Include a tagline and cast choices.

Theme Playlist – Create a playlist of 5–7 songs that connect to characters or important moments. Explain each choice.

Writing

Journal Entry – Write a journal entry from Chase’s perspective during a confusing moment in the story.

Letter of Apology – Write a sincere apology letter from Chase to someone he hurt before the accident.

Alternate Chapter – Write an additional chapter that could fit into the story.

News Report – Write a newspaper article covering one major event from the book.

Speech to the School – Write a speech Chase could give to the school at the end of the novel.

Critical Thinking

Theme Analysis – Explain a major theme such as identity, redemption, bullying, or second chances using evidence from the novel.

Compare Two Characters – Compare and contrast Chase with another character using a chart or paragraph.

Point of View Study – Explain how the multiple narrators help readers better understand the story.

Conflict Analysis – Identify one major conflict and explain how it changes the characters involved.

Decision Tracker – Choose 5 important decisions Chase makes and explain how they affect the outcome of the story.

Creative

Comic Strip Scene – Turn a key moment into a comic strip with dialogue and illustrations.

Writing

Book Review – Write a review evaluating the novel’s strengths, themes, and message.

Critical Thinking

Quote Analysis – Choose 3 important quotes and explain what they reveal about characters or themes.

Challenge Activities

- Research memory loss or amnesia and explain how it connects to the novel.
- Create a “Second Chances” campaign poster or video concept.
- Write an epilogue showing the characters one year later.

Expectations

- Use specific details and examples from the novel.
- All work should be organized and polished.
- Be ready to discuss your favorite activity when school begins.
- A formative grade will be taken each assignment.

Memorable Quote

“The trouble with a memory is that you can never know if it’s something you’ve lived or something you’ve dreamed.”