



Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth-Grade Summer Reading 2023

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For summer reading, you will read a minimum of 20-30 minutes every day. You may choose any books from Accelerated Reader. You have one book that you are required to read. It should be the last book you read before school begins in September, as we will have assignments related to the book at the beginning of the year.

The Purpose of Summer Reading

Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to retain information learned and to grow in knowledge and critical thinking skills. Many experts believe it is necessary for children to read for twenty minutes on a daily basis in order to maintain literacy skills learned in the previous school year. Our goal is that our students nurture the love of reading and develop the habit of reading by allowing them to choose age-appropriate literature for themselves. When they choose books for themselves, they become more engaged in reading and more likely to want to read more. Please see the articles linked here for the benefits of reading daily for twenty minutes.

<https://kidskconnect.com/articles/why-children-should-read-20-minutes-a-day-and-how-this-impacts-your-kids-development-at-any-age/>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/benefits-of-reading/>

The Requirements

- Read daily for a minimum of 20-30 minutes.
- Every time you finish a book over the summer, complete a quiz on Accelerated Reader.
- This is the link for Accelerated Reader.
<https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/8286597>
- If you are having trouble logging in to Accelerated Reader, email Mr. Buckingham.
- If you have found a book or book series that you absolutely love that does not have a quiz on Accelerated Reader, email Mr. Buckingham with details about the book, and he will guide you as to what to do.
- All book quizzes on Accelerated Reader must be completed August 31.

- The quiz on the required reading will be the first quiz you take in Accelerated Reader in the 2023-2024 school year.

Assessing Summer Reading

- Students have an individualized goal that they have to reach in Accelerated Reader, which is on the individual AR page. This goal is based upon their reading throughout the school year and the expectation that they will read daily over the summer. Their first English grade of the 2023-24 school year will be based upon how many points they scored in Accelerated Reader over the summer in relation to their individual goal.

Required book:

6th Grade: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

7th Grade: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park.

8th Grade: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

If you have any questions regarding the summer reading program, please contact Mr. Buckingham.