

Grades 7-8 Summer Reading 2025

For summer reading, you are expected to read for a minimum of 20–30 minutes each day. You may choose any books from the Accelerated Reader (AR) list. In addition, there is one required book that you must read. This book should be the last one you read before school begins in September, as there will be assignments related to it at the start of the school year.

[Accelerated Reader](#)

7th Grade: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park (2011)

8th Grade: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor (2004)

Expectations

- Read daily (minimum of 20-30 minutes)
- Each time you finish a book, be sure to complete a quiz on AR.
- If you find a book or book series that you absolutely love but it is not available on AR, write a one-paragraph summary of the book. You will share this summary with your teacher at the beginning of the school year.
- All quizzes on AR must be completed by **August 31**.
- The quiz on the required reading will be the first AR quiz you take in the 2025–2026 school year.

Assessing Summer Reading

Each student has an individualized Accelerated Reader goal, which can be found on their personal AR page. This goal is determined based on their reading progress during the school year and the expectation that they will continue reading daily over the summer. The first English grade of the 2025–2026 school year will be based on how many AR points the student earns over the summer in relation to their individual goal.

Purpose of Summer Reading

Summer reading helps students retain knowledge, strengthen critical thinking skills, and maintain literacy growth from the school year. When students have the freedom to choose what they read, they are more engaged and motivated to keep reading. See the linked articles below to learn more about the benefits of daily reading:

[Why Children Should Read 20 Minutes a Day and How This Impacts Your Kids' Development - At Any Age](#)

[25 Surprising Benefits of Reading \(Plus Lots of our Favorite Books!\)](#)