

Summer Reading for Students Entering Grades 6-8

Dear Parents and Students of Incoming Grades 6-8.

For the ELA Summer Reading Project please regard page 2-6 of this document. Your child has 1 required novel and 1 choice novel to complete. They are also required to complete the accompanying worksheets, located at the end of this document.

Also, below I have provided additional resources and practice activities to aid your child in developing and practicing their ELA skills for Middle School. These resources are based within Grammar skills, Writing Skills, and Reading skills. The links below will make copies of additional activities that are not required, but encouraged.

Writing Practice Activities: <https://tinyurl.com/y9yz6xo6>

ELA Practice Activity: <https://tinyurl.com/y8khsgx7>

Additional Online Programs Available:

- CommonLit.Org (Summer Reading Challenge): Directions on how to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/yccyelw4>
- Quill.org: Grammar Skills. Students can log into quill through their clever.com account here: <https://tinyurl.com/yak4kpe3>
- Edmentum: Log in using Clever.com (Student accounts) and work on Reading and Language arts Learning Paths here: <https://tinyurl.com/yak4kpe3>

Required Summer Reading Assignment for Students Entering Grades 6-8

Hello students, and welcome to 6th-8th grade English Language Arts. Here are your assignments for the summer. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Vertucci (vertucci@srles.com). Please be advised that I will not be checking email daily during the summer.

Rising 6th grade:

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper **AND One Choice book from below:**

Choice book- Choose one of these six books:

1. *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
2. *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
3. *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs
4. *Inside Out And Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
5. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
6. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Rising 7th grade:

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank **AND One Choice book from below:**

Choice book- Choose one of these six books:

1. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
2. *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
3. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
4. *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
5. *The Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary L. Blackwood
6. *Watership Down* by Richard Adams

Rising 8th grade:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding **AND One Choice book from below:**

Choice book- Choose one of these six books:

1. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
2. *The War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells
3. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne
4. *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
5. *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee
6. *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel

For each of the books required, according to grade level, Please complete Summer Assignment Worksheets located on the next few pages. All work must be neat, legible, and in complete sentence format. If more space is needed please use looseleaf. Students will be tested on their novels at the return of the school year in essay format.

Name: _____

Date: _____

English

Incoming _____ grade

Summer Reading: Book #1

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre:

Realistic Fiction

Non-Fiction

Fantasy

Adventure

Science Fiction

Historical Fiction

Mystery

Biography

| Characters | Description |
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Tell how a **Character** has **Changed** over the course of the book:

Setting (Time and Place):

Conflict (Describe the Main Character's problem)

Resolution (Describe how the problem was resolved):

Plot (Sequence the Main events of the story):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Theme (What has the character learned over the course of the novel?)

Review: I do/do not recommend this book because (support with details from the text in quotations).

Name: _____

Date: _____

English

Incoming _____ grade

Summer Reading: Book #2

Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre:

Realistic Fiction

Non-Fiction

Fantasy

Adventure

Science Fiction

Historical Fiction

Mystery

Biography

| Characters | Description |
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Tell how a **Character** has **Changed** over the course of the book:

Setting (Time and Place):

Conflict (Describe the Main Character's problem)

Resolution (Describe how the problem was resolved):

Plot (Sequence the Main events of the story):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Theme (What has the character learned over the course of the novel?)

Review: I do/do not recommend this book because (support with details from the text in quotations).
