

Dear Parents,

Students entering grades 7 for the next school year are being required to do some reading over the summer. Summer can give the kids a little more time for reading than they might have during the school year; so let's take advantage! Research confirms that students who don't read over the summer typically score lower on reading comprehension tests when they return to school. Reading, like any skill, requires practice and it's important that students take the time to read over the summer in order to keep their skills sharp.

Reading together also strengthens the connection between you and your child – here are a few ways you can promote summer reading in your own home:

- * Share the books that you loved as a kid with your own child
- * Start a family book club, and enjoy the same book together
- * Encourage your kids to choose the books they want to read

They will need to read two books of their choice and one from the approved list below (Please make sure they choose a book they haven't read yet). They need to write a brief summary (a paragraph of 7-12 sentences) of the book including the title of the book, the author, the genre, plot, setting, characters. When we return to school in the fall, they will meet in groups to share the books they read. They will also turn in their summaries for a grade. Each summary is worth 10 points. The grading rubric is included. Don't forget that we have a lot of great books in our Overdrive library!

Have a great summer and happy reading!
Jamie Schoenbauer

Book list: City of Bones – Cassandra Clare Ashes of Roses – Mary Jane Auch The Selection – Kiera Cass Wonder – RJ Palacia Bud, Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis Forged by Fire – Sharon Draper Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson Hello Universe - Erin Entrada Kelly Skulduggery Pleasant, Derek Landy	Rubric:	Name:	
	Book Title	/1	
	Author	/1	
	Genre	/1	
	Setting	/2	
	Plot	/2	
	Characters	/2	
	Discussion	/1	
Total	/10		

Math: In addition to reading, students will be asked to maintain what they've learned in math by utilizing Khan Academy. Students are expected to spend **60 exercise minutes on Khan Academy each month**. We recommend that students practice skills they are familiar with but are challenging for them. Please encourage your child to spend time on Khan Academy each week to meet their monthly goal. Minutes will be checked each month over the summer. **A 20-point grade will be given for each month at the start of the school year.** All lessons need to be completed by August 30th.

Other things that students can do to maintain Math skills include:

- Practice their basic math facts with flashcards or using a standard deck of playing cards
- Play an online math game

Thank you,
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