

Summer Assignments 2022
Students entering Grades 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

The Assignments:

- 1) This summer, you will select **“ONE”** book of your choice to read. When you come back to school in August, you will be introduced to a book report called a “One-Pager”. This report format is a fun and creative way to share your book with your classmates. Please note that it will require some work as you read your **“ONE”** book.

In order to do well on your first reading assignment in August, be sure to do the following:

- Read your book completely---no skimming. Do not watch the movie version if one exists.
- Write down the author’s name and book title in Google Docs. Remember, you always underline a book title.
- Write a brief summary so you can remember what you read. It should be roughly 4 or 5 sentences.
- Write down a list of main characters as well as two-three words/phrases to describe each of them. Who is the protagonist (good character)? Who is the antagonist (bad character)?
- Write three adjectives that best describe the novel; explain briefly why these adjectives are appropriate and/or meaningful?
- Write one important quotation. (This should be a sentence or two from the book.) Why did you choose this quote? Make sure to also write down the page number.
- Write down any words that don’t make sense. Define them using context or your dictionary.
- Be prepared to answer any questions asked about your books.

*******Important Details to Remember:**

Your book selection should be appropriate for your grade level. Keep in mind, you want to challenge yourself this summer–aim high. Your book choice may be fiction or nonfiction.

*******How to choose your book:**

- Consider continuing with a series you have already started.
- Consider starting a new series you’ve been meaning to read.
- Consider using book recommendation apps and book lists.
- Ask a librarian for suggestions.

*****Here are some ways you might enhance your reading experience:

- Read the same book at the same time as your friends. Then, meet up for snacks and discussion. Create your own book club.
- Read a book together as a family.
- Consider listening to an audiobook as you read along with the printed text.
- **OR**, just curl up in a cozy place and ENJOY READING!
- Remember, reading is fun---don't make it a chore.

2) Choose **“TWO”** news articles from a respected newspaper. (You may use Newsela as a source, too) Answer the following questions: **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW and WHY** . Then, write one paragraph expressing your opinion about the article. Remember to support your opinion(s) with evidence and facts. ***When done, also write a brief discussion question for class consideration. Begin your discussion question with one of these words: *could, would, should, how, why, or if*. **These current event assignments will be graded.**

3) Summer is a time for math, too! This summer, Khan Academy is going to be optional. Sign up at **khanacademy.org** (or log in if you already have an account). You will need assistance from your parents, since you are under 13 years of age. Next, visit **khanacademy.org/coaches** and select the **“Coaches”** tab in your profile. In the **“Add-a-coach”** field, enter the **class code (see your class code below)**.

- 5th going into 6th grade class code: 3HS884EK
- 6th going into 7th grade class code: MC6Y9TAH
- 7th going into 8th grade class code: AC63WS3U

Also, please spend time practicing your multiplication tables and basic math facts for whole numbers as well as fractions and decimals (adding, subtracting, multiplication, and division).

We hope you have an enjoyable, relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Josias, Mrs. Wilson, and Ms. Vollert