

# 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Program 2021

## A Note from the Teacher:

Happy summer, and welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading program! Reading is a vital skill that plays a huge role in students' academic success, and like any skill, it requires constant practice to maintain and improve. Reading during the summer not only prepares students for the coming school year, but also provides insight into the human experience and encourages the development of empathy. I hope you find ways to enjoy books with your child this summer!

~ Miss Ariel

## Requirements:

- Each student must read **at least three books** over the summer, and...
- Complete a **book response for each** of those three books, to be handed in on the first day of school.
  - Book responses should show **what the book was about** and **what your student thought about the book**. They can take the form of a book recommendation or review, a letter to a friend about the book, a 3-D project, a comic strip, or an artistic response. Encourage your student to have fun and be creative!
- Though I've provided an updated reading list, they are NOT required to choose from that list. They should, however, choose a book that is an appropriate reading level for them.

### How Do I Choose a Good Fit Book?

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are generally aware of what is and is not acceptable to read at this point in their schooling, but feel free to reference the [Scholastic Book Wizard](#), the [Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge](#), or contact me for information on your child's current reading level and we can work together to select a book or series!

### How Can I Make Reading Fun?

Make reading a priority this summer by giving it the attention it deserves. Have your child read aloud to you, read a book together, or designate a set time each day when everyone reads. Encourage conversations about the book: how is a character's life similar/dissimilar to yours? Are they a good leader? Do you agree with their decisions? What do you think will happen in the end?

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While only three books are required, students are of course encouraged to read more – the more your child reads, the better they will become at reading! Book responses should be turned in to me on the first day of school. *Students who fail to meet the summer reading requirements will have to attend homework detention Monday through Thursday until they have turned in three reading responses.*

Please don't hesitate to **contact me** with any questions or concerns, or just to say hello!

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Happy Reading!