

# 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING, 2024

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

Students should choose a book that is an appropriate reading level for them. Our school library will be open

## Requirements:

- Each student must read **at least 600 pages** over the summer, and...
- Complete a **Book Response** for each book read (no more than three), to be handed in the first day of school.

Book responses should show what the book was about and what the 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!

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

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders should be able to choose books at their reading level. The book should not be too hard or too easy. Feel free to contact me for information on your child's reading level, and we can work together to select a book or series! The [Scholastic Book Wizard](#) and the [Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge](#) are also good resources.

### 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?

over the summer and has lots of options sorted by reading level. Book responses should be turned in to me (Miss Ariel) on the first day of school. Completion of summer reading requirements will contribute to the students' academic grade.

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

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## Happy Reading!