



2020-2021 Middle School Summer Assignments 8th Grade Language Arts/Algebra

Required Reading:

- **8th Grade Assigned Reading:**

This year, 8th grade will select one book to read from the following list of books: *Because of Mr. Terupt* – Rob Buyea, *The Seventh Most Important Thing* – Shelley Pearsall, *Finding Mighty* – Sheela Chari.

When students have finished reading, they will need to create 3 different creative journal entries (pages). Ideas include - setting, characters, plot, theme, and free choice entries. Journal entries need to be completed on notebook paper and labeled. In order to receive full credit, each journal must include: graphics with color and writing that includes text evidence and analysis (thought prompts). Entries should be detailed, thoughtful, and creative. Students will submit their journals for credit on the first day of school in August. This assignment is worth 50 points. They should also bring their book with them to school for the first week as we will be discussing the books in class.

- **Choice Reading:**

While students are only required to read one book, reading all summer long is encouraged. Choose novels that interest you and are on your reading level. It is good to challenge yourself a little! A list of suggested authors is listed below. Please see reverse side for suggested authors. **Remember, reading is the single most important factor in student success.**

Algebra:

The **8th Grade Algebra Summer Math Packet** can also be accessed through the LCC Day School Website. Summer math is assigned to help students retain math skills and enable the math classes to spend less time reviewing past material and forge ahead with new math skills. The Summer Math Packet has been designed to review topics students learned during the past school year. These topics are crucial for success in the next grade level. It is highly recommended that students complete a portion of the packet each week (approximately 20 minutes). This will ensure the skills are being reinforced weekly and the students do not become overwhelmed during summer break.

All students are expected to complete the entire Summer Math Packet to the *best of their ability*. Students should show their work, so we can see the thought process used to complete the problems. **Please circle or box your final answer.** Please keep in mind we are looking for *good effort* at completing the problems more than a correct answer. Good effort includes attempting the problems and showing the work/thought process used to achieve an answer. Students may use online resources (see back) for help if necessary, or work with a friend. **The Summer Math Packet is due on the first day of school, August 12, 2020.** The Summer Math Packet is a 50 point assignment. Keep in mind that we are looking for *good effort* more than correct answers!

Math Online Resources:

Khanacademy.org
Coolmath.com
Mathisfun.com
Virtualnerd.com

Suggested Authors: (*Some books in the author's collection may contain more mature content.)

- Alexander Kwame
- Andrew Clements
- Anthony Horowitz
- Bruce Hale
- Carl Hiassen
- Caroline B. Cooney*
- Cynthia Lord
- Christopher Paolini
- Cornelia Funke
- Dave Barry and Ridley Pierson
- Debbie Viguie
- D.J. MacHale
- Eoin Colfer
- Esther Friesner
- Gae Polisner
- Gail Carson Levine
- Gary Paulsen
- Gordon Korman
- Greg Mortenson*
- Ishmael Beah*
- Jack London*
- Jacqueline Woodson
- Jane Yolen
- Jeanne DuPrau
- Jerry Spinelli
- John Green*
- John Grisham*
- Jon Scieszka
- Julia Alvarez
- Kate Brian*
- Kate DiCamillo
- Laurie Halse Anderson*
- Lisa Graff
- Lisi Harrison*
- Louis Sachar
- Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Melody Carlson
- Michael Buckley
- Michael Scott
- Mike Lupica
- Mitch Albom*
- Neil Gaiman*
- Patricia McCormick
- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Pseudonymous Bosch
- Ray Bradbury
- Richard Peck
- Rick Riordan
- Ridley Pearson
- Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams
- Roland Smith
- Sandra Cisneros
- Sarah Dessen*
- Scott Westerfield*
- Sharon Creech
- Sharon Draper*
- Stephanie Meyer
- Steven Sheinkin
- Suzanne Collins
- Tim Green
- Walter Dean Meyers*
- Wendy Mass



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2020–2021 SSYRA Book List

Why not get a head start?
Grades 6-8 SSYRA List

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows
by Ryan Calejo

City Spies by James Ponti

Deep Water: A Story of Survival by Watt Key

Float by Laura Martin

Game Changer by Tom Greenwald

Inkling by Kenneth Oppel

Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

New Kid by Jerry Craft

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

by Dan Gemeinhart

Scouts by Shannon Greenland

Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

Spark by Sarah Beth Durst

We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey