

## **Summer Reading Assignment – Mrs. Achey’s 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### **1. Watch TV less!**

Did you know that too much television makes reading physically harder to do? Research shows that the waves of the TV screen move in short vertical lines, and your eye muscles make short up and down movements as you watch TV.

Why is this a problem? Reading requires long horizontal eye movements—just the opposite of the exercise you get watching TV. Television actually tones your eye muscle movements in the wrong direction for reading.

### **2. Read more!**

Did you know that teachers can pick out those students who read a lot? It shows in your spelling and sentence structure. A good reader is a good writer.

**3. It’s a fact.** Every book you read makes you a little smarter.

### **4. Minimum summer reading assignment – 3 books:**

- 1 assigned classroom selection
- 2 books of your choice within your reading ZPD range (Zone of Proximal Development is the reading range from which a student selects books for optimal growth in reading-this is determined by STAR Reading scores).

**5. Take an AR (Accelerated Reader) quiz over books read.** This includes accessing Reading Practice, Literacy, and Vocabulary quizzes available for each book when they are available.

### **6. Assignment is to be completed by the first day of school.**

Students may access Accelerated Reader online at:

[www.sad12.com/RenaissanceServer](http://www.sad12.com/RenaissanceServer)

### **7. Did you read more books?**

**That is fantastic! It will help you in more ways than you can ever imagine. Write the names of the books and the number of pages of each book on a list, turn it in the first day of school, and receive extra credit for the fall semester!**

**\*\*\* Have a great summer!**

**Mrs. Deborah Achey**

