

Summer Reading for fun *and* for improved academic achievement.

Children are reading and gaining the comprehension skills needed to be a lifetime learner.

We are again requesting that all students keep reading during the summer. When school reconvenes in the fall, teachers will be expecting to see that your child has met and/or has surpassed the expectation set. Kids, have fun reading and learning! Parents, we thank you for your very necessary support during the summer months!

Elementary Summer Reading Requirements

Mr. Mocarsky – is requesting that his present kindergarteners earn a minimum of three (3) Accelerated Reading points over the summer. (Six books should be enough unless children do not pass the quizzes with 85% accuracy.) Parents can choose books that are coded in the public library (only coded books have computer generated quizzes). Parents may read the books to the children and when ready, may bring their child to a library computer or use home computer for quizzing.

Mrs. DuPlessis – is requesting that her present first graders earn a minimum of three (3) AR points by **independently** reading books **at their ZPD level** over the summer. Your child's ZPD level is written on the back of your child's report card for reference. (Six books would be the minimum it takes unless children do not pass the quizzes with above 85% accuracy.) Mrs. D. wants you to have fun with books this summer and encourages you to read more than the minimum requirement if at all possible.

Mrs. Lacasse (Grade 2) and **Mrs. Chaisson (Grade 3)** are requesting that their present students (07-08) look at and follow the reading log sheet located in their report card envelopes. On your child's reading log sheet is your child's ZPD (reading level) and targeted goal points. Check your child's report card for his/her log in and password. Happy reading!

Middle School Summer Reading Requirements

Summer Reading Assignment – 7th & 8th Grades

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.

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.

It's a fact. Every book you read makes you a little smarter.

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 students select books for optimal growth in reading-this is determined by STAR Reading scores).

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.

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

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

8th Graders will read "April Morning" by Howard Fast as the assigned book. They are also encouraged to read books of their choice.

7th Graders will read "The Cay" by Theodore Taylor as the assigned book.

Students entering the **6th Grade** in the fall are asked to read during the summer. Summer reading is important to maintain growth in the area of reading. Mr. Lacasse is asking that all students read at least 12 AR points during the summer. Goals will be set by Mr. Lacasse before the end of the school year. Tests can be taken at home or at the public library during regular open hours. Students are encouraged to take all three AR tests, when available. Students in the sixth grade that complete their summer reading, and reach their summer goal will be rewarded in the fall. Happy Reading!!!

Students coming into **5h Grade** will continue their AR program over the summer. They should accumulate 12 or more points at their ZPD by the beginning of school.

High School Summer Reading Requirements

English Required Reading Assignments

ALL HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH COURSES (EXCEPT AP) REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS READ AN ASSIGNED WORK DURING THE SUMMER. WHEN SCHOOL RESUMES IN THE FALL, THE WORK WILL BE REVIEWED AND AN EXAM, TO INCLUDE AN ESSAY, WILL BE ADMINISTERED.

ENGLISH 9/10: WORKS OF NONFICTION

Travels With Charley by John Steinbeck. This work is a memoir of a cross country road trip taken by the author and his sidekick, a French poodle named Charley. They are on a quest to rediscover America in 1960.

ENGLISH 11: ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM THE MID NINETEENTH CENTURY TO TODAY

Silas Marner by George Elliot. This work of fiction tells the story of a miserly man who finds his pot of gold; though not the one he had been looking for.

ENGLISH 12: SCREENWRITING

Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare. There is no better place to begin the study of writing for performance than with the greatest playwright of all time. This play is a comedy that leads two couples through a series of misunderstandings and ironic exchanges to finally be united in a happy ending.

**VHS and DVD versions of the movie are available through the public library.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION: STUDENTS IN AP ENGLISH ARE REQUIRED TO READ TWO WORKS AND COMPLETE WRITING ASSIGNMENTS TO BE TURNED IN THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS IN THE FALL.

Oedipus Rex by Sophocles. This work is a classic Greek tragedy and the origination of many symbols and themes found throughout literature.

Turn of the Screw by Henry James. This Victorian ghost story tells the story of a nanny whose isolation and insecurity lead to some questionable events. A traditional gothic romance written by an American author.

PLEASE SEE MRS. WORSTER FOR THE WRITING ASSIGNMENT. A COPY WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE WEB SITE

A reminder to all: Students may access Accelerated Reader online at:

www.sad12.com/RenaissanceServer user names are the student's last name and first initial. Password is the grade student is in, grade1, grade2, etc.

Students can take AR tests anywhere they have web access. Students can also take AR tests at the public library; it is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2-4PM. Computers are available at those times only. No library hours at Forest Hills due to construction.

Happy reading!