

Summer Reading Expectations - Summer 2026

Dear Parents,

Summer is here!!!! We are grateful for a safe and successful school year. Please be reminded of the importance of ensuring that your child reads this summer. Summer reading loss refers to the decline in reading development that can occur during summer vacation time. Research shows the children who do not read during the summer can lose two to three months of reading skills.

You will find the assignments on our website for each grade level. These assignments need to be completed by August 21, 2026. Those students new to TCA will need to turn in by October 9, 2026.

Students will have access to IXL during the summer and are highly encouraged to login and practice ELA as well as Math skills.

7th GRADE SUMMER READING

All rising 7th grade students are expected to read one of the books below and complete a project. Please have a parent initial when you complete the book.

Redwall- Brian Jacques

Scat- Carl Hiaasen

Rocket Boys- Homer Hickman

Anne of Green Gables- L.M. Montgomery

For a project, students can:

- create a graphic novel for a portion of the text
- write a missing chapter of the book
- rewrite the end of the novel
- use Google slides or PowerPoint to create a movie advertisement for the book. Write an explanation of the selections made for slides and music background, etc.
- write a series of journal entries in the voice of one of the characters.

The written projects should be 3 pages double-spaced.

Title	# of pages	Initial

8th GRADE SUMMER READING

All rising 8th grade students are expected to read at least **One** of the books below and complete a project. Please have your parent initial when you complete a book.

- *Star Girl* – Jerry Spinelli
- *The Cay* – Theodore Taylor
- *Fever 1793* – Laurie Halse Anderson

- *Brooklyn Bridge* – Karen Hesse
- *Escape Under the Forever Sky* – Eve Yohalem
- *Jacob Have I Loved* – Katherine Paterson
- *The Old Man and the Sea* – Ernest Hemingway

For a project, students can:

- create a graphic novel for a portion of the text
- write a missing chapter of the book
- rewrite the end of the novel
- use Google slides or PowerPoint to create a movie advertisement for the book. Write an explanation of the selections made for slides and music background, etc.
- write a series of journal entries in the voice of one of the characters.

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COLLEGE PREP SUMMER READING

All rising 9th – 12th grade college prep students are expected to read the required book for their grade level and complete a project. Please have your parent initial when you complete a book.

CP I

Required - *A Day No Pigs Would Die* – Robert Newton Peck

CP II

Required – *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* - Ransom Rigg

CP III

Required – *A Time to Kill* – John Grisham

CP IV

Required – *Matched* – Ally Condie

For a project, students can:

- create a graphic novel for a portion of the text
- write a missing chapter of the book
- rewrite the end of the novel
- use Google slides or PowerPoint to create a movie advertisement for the book. Write an explanation of the selections made for slides and music background, etc.
- write a series of journal entries in the voice of one of the characters.

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HONORS SUMMER READING

All rising 9th – 12th grade honors students are expected to read the required book for their grade level and complete a project. Please have your parent initial when you complete the book.

Honors I

Required – *The Pearl* – John Steinbeck

Honors II

Required – *The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak

Honors III

Required – *The Help* – Kathryn Stockett

Honors IV

Required – *The Client* – John Grisham

For a project, students can:

- create a graphic novel for a portion of the text
- write a missing chapter of the book
- rewrite the end of the novel
- use Google slides or PowerPoint to create a movie advertisement for the book. Write an explanation of the selections made for slides and music background, etc.
- write a series of journal entries in the voice of one of the characters.

The written projects should be 3 pages double-spaced.

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