

8th Grade Advanced ELA Summer Reading

“The seeds of reading and school success are sown in the home, long before the child ever arrives at school.”

Jim Trelease, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

Summer reading is very important! TMS curriculum works best when it builds upon what parents are doing at home. We want our children to return after the summer ready to read, write and learn. When students see that parents and teachers believe in the value of reading, they are more apt to feel the same way.

Students who love to read will see success in school. This begins at home where students are encouraged to read, their parents set an example of reading in front of them, and their parents read aloud to them. Becoming a good reader takes practice. Offer your children quiet times and good places to enjoy reading. Read aloud to them on a regular basis - students whose parents do so perform better on standardized tests, have larger vocabularies, and find more success in all subjects.

Summer Reading Requirements:

Required: *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

AND One book by one author on the Suggested Author List

For *The Book Thief*: Bring the finished book to school on the first day. We will discuss and complete an assignment.

For the author of your choice: Handwrite a 200-300 word reflection on what you like about the author's writing style. What do you like about the action, dialogue, characters, and word choice? How do you make personal connections with this author's ideas? Please include the author's name and the titles of the books you chose in the reflection. This should be written immediately after finishing the books. It is to be signed and pledged by both you and a parent. This will serve as the first writing assignment for the year and should be brought to class on the first day.

EIGHTH GRADE SUGGESTED AUTHORS

Abrahams, Peter Adams, Douglas Avi Bartoletti, Susan Campbell Bloor, Edward Boyne, John Bradbury, Ray Card, Orson Scott Christie, Agatha Clements, Andrew Colfer, Eoin Cooper, Susan	Crichton, Michael Dashner, James Draper, Sharon M. Farmer, Nancy Feinstein, John Gantos, Jack Hinton, S.E. Hobbs, Will Jacques, Brian L'Engle, Madeline LeGuin, Ursula	Lowry, Lois *** Please do not chose <i>The Giver</i> Lupica, Mike Park, Linda Sue Paulsen, Gary Pratchett, Terry Schmidt, Gary Smith, Roland Stead, Rebecca Tolan, Stephanie S. Tolkien, J.R.R. Trueman, Terry
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