



Keep Reading This Summer!

2018 Summer Reading

Grades 6, 7 and 8



All LCBMS students are **REQUIRED** to read **two (2) books** over the summer. There are **two requirements** for book selections:

- (1) You may not select a book previously read for school.
- (2) The book must be an appropriate level of difficulty for you.

To diversify your reading and explore various genres, check out the book recommendations from the LCBMS teachers on the back. Also we encourage parents to preview your child's selected books in order to ensure that the content is appropriate for your child.

Goals for Summer Reading

At Home	In School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster a love of reading • Advance literacy by engaging in reading activities • Increase reading through self-selected, voluntary reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance a sense of community • Provide a common reading experience • Stimulate discussion and critical thinking

Reflect on Yourself as a Reader

<p>How do I best demonstrate that I have understood and responded to a text?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I reread parts of the book. • I make predictions. • I ask questions. • I make connections. • I summarize parts of the book. 	<p>When and where do I best concentrate on reading?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the morning • Before going to sleep • At my desk • On my bed • Lying on the floor
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Back-to-School ASSIGNMENTS

In September, be prepared to write about these books. These assignments will be graded. In 8th grade, your response is the first requirement for your 8th grade English portfolio. You may wish to take notes (post-it notes are a good idea) or keep a reading journal as you read. If the book is yours, you may want to use a highlighter to mark important or interesting parts.

Finding a Book That's Right for You	Parent Tips to Encourage Reading
<p>Use the "Five Finger Rule" to help you select a book.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find a book on the booklist. 2. Thumb through the book and pick a page, any page. 3. Read one complete page. 4. Every time you come to a word that you don't know, count it on a finger. 5. If five or more fingers are up by the end of the page, this book is too difficult. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set a schedule for reading. 2. Read alongside your child – be a model. 3. Talk about your child's book. Let your child tell you the storyline, talk about the characters or time and place. Ask what your child likes or dislikes about the book. 4. You may even want to read aloud to your child. Even older children sometimes enjoy this. 5. Celebrate reading with rewards.

The public library or a local book store is a good place to find a book of interest for your summer reading. Check with the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak and The Field Library in Peekskill.

Grade 6

English	<i>Under the Same Sky</i> by Cynthia DeFelice <i>When You Reach Me</i> by Rebecca Stead <i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen *** HIGHLY RECOMMENDED supports 1 st ELA Unit of Study
Social Studies	<i>The Egypt Game</i> by Zilpha Keatley Snyder <i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i> by Karen Cushman <i>Door in the Wall</i> by Marguerite de Angeli
Mathematics	<i>The Number Devil</i> by Hans Magnus Enzensberger <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeleine L'Engle
Science	<i>George's Secret Key to the Universe</i> by Lucy and Stephen Hawking (1 st in 3 book series) <i>Nothing But the Truth</i> by Avi <i>Running Out of Time</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix
AIS	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jaqueline Woodson <i>Middle School: The Worst Years Of My Life</i> by James Patterson

Grade 7

English	<i>I Kill the Mockingbird</i> by Paul Acampora <i>Jeremy Fink & the Meaning of Life</i> by Wendy Mass <i>Counting by 7's</i> by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Social Studies	<i>Red Badge of Courage</i> by Stephen Crane "Dear America" series (Colonization/Am. Revolution) <i>Nightjohn</i> by Gary Paulsen <i>Soldier's Heart</i> by Gary Paulsen
Science	<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science</i> by John Fleischman <i>Dian Fossey: Among the Gorillas</i> by Willa Mara <i>Bone Detective: The Story of Forensic Anthropologist Diane France</i> by Lorraine Jean Hopping <i>Poppy</i> by Avi (1 st in 3 book series)
Foreign Language	<i>Jumping Off to Freedom</i> by Anilu Bernardo <i>The Tequila Worm</i> by Viola Canales
AIS	<i>The Bully Book: A Novel</i> by Eric Kahn Gale

Grade 8

English	<i>We Were Liars</i> by e. lockhart <i>Raft</i> by S.A. Bodeen <i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman
Social Studies	<i>The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the Most Notorious Nazi</i> by Neal Bascomb <i>I Am Malala</i> by Malala Yousazai
Mathematics	<i>Almost Astronauts: Thirteen Women Who Dared to Dream</i> by Tanya Lee Stone <i>Basher Science: Algebra and Geometry: Anything But Square!</i> By Dan Green and Simon Basher
Science	<i>Ender's Game</i> by Orson Scott Card
Foreign Language	<i>Jumping Off to Freedom</i> by Anilu Bernardo <i>The Tequila Worm</i> by Viola Canales
AIS	<i>I am the Messenger</i> by Markus Zusak

Consumer Science

Grades 6, 7, 8	<i>Hattie Big Sky</i> by Kirby Larson <i>The Cupcake Queen</i> by Heather Helper <i>Close to Famous</i> by Joan Bauer
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Computers

Grades 6, 7, 8	<i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dasher
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Health

Grade 7	<i>The Skin I'm In</i> by Sharon Flake
Grade 8	<i>Boost</i> by Kathy Mackel

Music

Grades 6, 7, 8	<i>The Orphan Musicians of Venice</i> by Pat Lowery Collins <i>The Mysteries of Beethoven's Hair</i> by Russell Martin <i>Drums, Girl & Dangerous Pie</i> By Jordan Sonnenblick <i>The Mozart Season</i> by Virginia Euwer Wolff <i>Starting Early: A Boy and His Bugle in America During WW II</i> by Paul Kimpton & Ann Kaczowski
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