

Hand Middle School Summer Reading

Dear Parents and Students,

One key to students' reading success is making their reading experiences entertaining, relaxing, and enjoyable. The purpose of our summer reading program is to provide students the opportunity to unplug from their busy worlds and find the joy in a good book. While we want students to improve their vocabulary and comprehension, we hope that parents will partner with us and make reading a regular part of their lives in their households.

The students job this summer is to read on a regular basis. We encourage them to read what they want to read, and we have offered suggestions in the links below. However, we

also encourage students to read magazines and newspapers and other genres of interest to them. Read about their favorite sports, hobbies, musicians, or actors. Reading should be meaningful and enjoyable.

Students, please keep a record of your reading on the Summer Reading Log and complete the Reading Questions for each text. You can make as many copies as you would like of this log and journal. Both can be found at the Hand website at <http://hand.richlandone.org>. Go to the School Resources Tab- Summer 2019 Resources. You may also use plain notebook paper to keep track of reading. Have your parents

sign your Summer Reading Log on a weekly basis. Reading Logs and Reading Questions should be returned to your English/ Language Arts teacher by September 6.

Sincerely,

Hand Reading Teachers



Reading Expectations

Since we believe literacy L.E.A.D.S. (Literacy Excellence Achieves Desired Success), Hand Middle School expects every child to read for *at least* 20 minutes per day and complete a Double Entry Journal for one text.

WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT? LET'S FIGURE IT OUT – MATHEMATICALLY!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of a week: Student B reads only 4 minutes a night... or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times a week = 100 mins./week. Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes.

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month. Student A reads 400 minutes a month. Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply months x 9 months/school year. Student A reads 3600 min. in a school year. Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year. Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice. (<http://www.tooter4kids.com>)

Students will complete a reading log and parents will need to sign the reading log weekly! Also, complete the Reading Questions for each text. Due log and journal due by September 6. Remember, Both can be found at the Hand website at <http://hand.richlandone.org>. Go to the School Resources Tab- Summer 2019 Resources.



Links to Book Recommendations

SC Junior Book Award Nominees, 2019-2020

<http://www.scasl.net/junior-book-award>

Goodreads recommends...

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school>

YALSA Non-fiction

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award>

Newbery Award Winners

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

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