

SUMMER READING

1st-8th Grade

1st Grade

The **First Grade Summer Reading Program** consists of two parts. In the first part of the program, we would like to review the alphabet and the phonetic sounds of each letter with your child on a weekly basis.

In the second part of the program, we would like for your child to read (or be read to) at least three times a week. In August, have your child choose one of his or her favorite summer reading fiction stories. With this book, we would like your child to complete the Summer Book Facts sheet (you should have received already) and a separate Art Piece no bigger than a shoe box to go along with it. The Art Piece can be anything your child wants it to be. Let imagination be their guide.

2nd Grade

The main priority for students entering second grade is to spend their summers exploring the realm of reading. It is also the goal for the children to see how vast and various reading can be. The request is that students read for 20 minutes a day. As a way to document this daily exposure, there is a top ten list activity. Children will select ten of the books that they have read, and highlight why those particular books made it to their lists. A second assignment for the summer is to write a post card to a character from one of their summer readings. When students write the post card, they should incorporate elements of the story. These two assignments should be brought in during the first few days of school.

3rd Grade

Your child will be required to read two books this summer. One book your child will read will be a chapter book which has received an award and/or has had good reviews. Please make sure the chapter book is at their reading level. After the book has been read, your child will find a way to present it on the first day of school. He or she can be as creative as they want as long as they include the following in their presentation:

- *Describing the main characters*
- *Where did the story take place*
- *Brief summary on what the book is about*

The second book your child is required to read this summer is any type of literature that takes place in a country outside of the United States. He or she can read a chapter book and/or several picture books that, overall, have a minimum of 100 pages. They will not be required to do an assignment; however, will need to know the following information:

- *Describing the main characters*
- *Where did the story take place*
- *Brief summary on what the book is about*

The children will be expected to do an assignment on the first day of school using this information.

Please make sure your child brings both books on the first day of school.

4th Grade

Assignment Descriptions for Summer Reading

Each child is required to read two award winning novels of their choice. (Exceptions are Goosebumps, Animorphs, Captain Underpants, and any video game/TV based book.)

For one of the books, the children will be creating a photo album. For the other book, the children will be filling out a Summer Book Review form. (Please see the attached sheets for additional information.)

Instructions for the Summer Book Review

Choose one award winning book of your choice. After you have completed reading your book, fill out the Summer Book Review Sheet included in this packet. Please use your best cursive and remember to answer the questions in complete sentences. Have fun!!!

These assignments are due on the first day of school at 8:30 am. (No exceptions!)

Both assignments must be completed in cursive. Both assignments combined are worth four reading grades.

5th Grade

During the summer, all incoming fifth graders are responsible for reading two books:

1. Journey Home by Yoshiko Uchida
2. A choice of -- Holes by Louis Sachar
OR
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis.

There is no writing assignment for the summer. Students must finish both books before school starts, and be ready to discuss them in detail on the first day of school. Students should plan to **BRING** both books with them to school the first day. Students borrowing from the public library should arrange to keep their books through the first two weeks of school.

Students who have read either assigned book completely, cover to cover, within the last year, are not excused from summer reading and should contact Mr. Matt for instructions by email at: mr.matt@hollywoodschoolhouse.org

6th Grade

Rising Sixth: The Gypsy Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder AND There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar.

7th Grade

Rising Seventh: A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park AND Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

8th Grade

Rising Eighth: The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton AND The Uglies by Scott Westerfield