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7th Grade Summer Reading Project 2019

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Summer Reading Project Overview

Dear Rising 7th Graders:

Congratulations on finishing the school year, and we look forward to the start of a new year in September. We want to make sure that you're ready for the challenge ahead. Reading regularly – and reflecting on your reading – is so important for improving your reading, writing, vocabulary, thinking, and learning. Plus, you need to keep up the progress you made this year. Remember, the only way to get better at anything in life is to devote time to it!

Here is an overview of your assignment for the summer:

- 1. Read at least 120 minutes per week (or more than 2 hours every week; this could be 30 minutes 4 days a week or read for longer chunks to build stamina). Read a mix of fiction and nonfiction.
- 2. DAILY: Record the minutes you read on the "Time on Text Tracker" and/or weekly log.
- 3. WEEKLY: on attached weekly logs:
 - Record what you read each week
 - Write a paragraph reflecting on your reading each week
- 4. FINALLY: Choose something you read over the summer and write a letter to your teacher or classmates about why it is an important book to read on the attached "Letter about a Book" pages or typed.
 - Include the title, author, and a brief summary of the book
 - Provide reasons and evidence for why the book is important to read (consider character decisions, the conflict/s in the book, connections to your life or the world, themes and lessons, etc.)

Due: Friday, September 13, 2019

Tips:

- Choose "just right" books near your level not too easy and not too hard to understand. (If there are five words on a page that you don't understand, the book is too hard.)
- Find someone at the library or bookstore that can help you find books at your level.
- Find a friend or family member to recommend books, who wants to read the same texts as you, and/or who will talk with you about your reading.
- Choose a mix of fiction and nonfiction books that interest you to read. You may also read magazines and newspapers or other articles (online or on paper).
- Find information about your nearest library online at NYPL.org (for Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island), BrooklynLibrary.org (for Brooklyn), or QueensLibrary.org (for Queens) – and borrow books. Get a free library card if you don't have one.

Identify books and reading opportunities at SummerReading.org

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Summer Reading Goals

Over the summer, a young person who does not read can lose a quarter of the reading growth they made the previous year. If a middle school student reads just <u>5 books</u> at their level during the summer months, they are far less likely to slide backwards. Students who read at home <u>at least 3 times a week</u> are twice as likely to score in the top 25% of their class in reading comprehension. Setting goals helps you to stay accountable to yourself. Goals also help you track your progress and they give you the opportunity to celebrate your successes.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE ...

- **10 weeks** during the summer vacation which is *equal* to:
 - **70 days** which is *equal* to:
 - **1,680 hours** which is *equal* to:
 - 100,800 minutes which MEANS THAT...



if you read for <u>30 minutes a day, 5 days a week</u> (which is **2.5 hours per week**) during this summer vacation, you will have read **25 hours this summer**! (This could be 8 books read, exposure to almost 50% more words, and rising reading levels.) And you will still have **99,300 minutes** which is *equal* to **1,655 hours** which is *equal* to **70 days** which is *equal* to **9 weeks and 6 days** to do anything else.

I can and will • read for	minutes at least	times a week.
• read	_books this summer.	
Student Initials:	Teacher Initials:	Parent/Guardian Initials:

My Reading Plan:

In September, January and May, you took the Degrees of Reading Power (DRP) assessment. Our goal this year was to make reading progress. Many students make between 3 & 6 levels of DRP progress in a school year. Based on the September, January, & May DRP, your reading growth is reflected here:

September DRP Score	January DRP Score	May DRP Score

To continue to make reading progress, it is critical to read every day.

1. What are some books, authors, genres, magazines or topics about which you want to read?

2. What times and places are best for you to complete your reading?

3. Who will be best to keep you on track and talk with you about your reading this summer?

Student Initials:	
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Teacher Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

Book Lists - curated by the Middle School Quality Initiative

<u>DOOK LISIS</u> - <u>curated by the Mid</u>	Middle School Quality Initiative			
Identity/Culture/Sexuality	Coming of Age			
The Word Collector, Peter H. Reynolds, 490L Last Stop on Market Street, Matt de la Pena, Level M/610L Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian, Alexie*, Level Z+/600L Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda, Albertalli, Level Z+/HL640L The First Rule of Punk, Celia C. Perez, Level T/670L Piecing Me Together, Renee Watson, Level Z/680L Mexican Whiteboy, Matt de la Pena*, Level Z+/680L Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut, Derrick Barnes, 700L Clayton Bird Goes Underground, Williams-Garcia, Level V/710L You Bring the Distant Near, Mitali Perkins, Level Z+/HL720L I am Not your Perfect Mexican Daughter, Erika L. Sanchez, HL730L I'll Give You the Sun, Jandy Nelson, Level Z+/HL740L The Mighty Miss Malone, Christopher Paul Curtis, Level U/750L George, Alex Gino, Level Z/790L The Jumbies by P.Baptiste 680L Everything I Never Told You, Celeste Ng, 870L What Girls are Made Of, Elana K. Arnold, 900L The Rise of the Jumbies by Patrice Baptiste. 690L Nightmare Detective by Monk Inyang Struttin' with Some Barbeque by Patricia Hruby-Powell 900L	Love, Matt de la Pena Eleanor & Park, Rainbow Rowell, Level Z+/580L The Education of Margot Sanchez, L. Rivera, Z+/580L The Skin I'm In, Sharon Flake, Level W/670L American Street, Ibi Zoboi*, Level Z+/HL690L Ghost, Patina and Sunny, Jason Reynolds, Level Y/710L The (R)evolution of Evelyn Serrano, Level W/720L The Thing About Jellyfish, Andrea Beach, Level Y/740L Wonder, R.J. Palacio, Level V/790L The Harlem Charade, Natasha Tarpley, Level W/800L Freak the Mighty, Rodman Philbrick, Level W/930L Halfway: A Memoir, Tom Macher The Life and Times of Benny Alvarez, Peter Johnson Us, In Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos by Lulu Delacre 740L After the shot by Randy Ribay HL730L Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson 630L Louisiana's Way Home, by Kat Di Camillo The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya 750L			
Social Issues	Poetry (Novels in Verse)			
Ghost Boys, Jewell Parker Rhodes, <i>HL360L</i> The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas, <i>Level Z+/590L</i> Allegedly, Tiffany D. Jackson*, <i>HL620L</i> Who Am I Without Him?, Sharon G. Flake, 650L Monster, Walter Dean Myers, <i>Level Z/670L</i> Dear Martin, Nic Stone, <i>HL720L</i> All American Boys, Kiely & Reynolds, <i>Level X/770L</i> The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander, <i>Level Z+/1390L</i> Monday's Not Coming, Tiffany D. Jackson Pride, by Ibi Zoboi 760L	Solo, Kwame Alexander, Level Z+/640L Long Way Down, Jason Reynolds, Level Z+/720L As Brave As You, Kwame Alexander, Level X/750L The Crossover, Kwame Alexander, Level Z/750L The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo Lexile 800L Locomotion, Jacqueline Woodson, Level V Peace, Locomotion, Jacqueline Woodson, 860L Brown Girl Dreaming, Jacqueline Woodson, Level U/990L Under the Mesquite, Guadalupe Garcia McCall, 990L			
Historical	Graphic Novels			
 Full of Beans, Jennifer L. Holm, 490L Mighty Miss Malone, Christopher Paul Curtis, Level U/750L One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia, Level V/750L Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz, Level V/750L March (trilogy), John Lewis & A. Aydin, Level W/GN760L Chains, Laurie Halse Anderson, Level Z/780L Escape from Aleppo, N. H. Senzai, 880L Watsons go to Birmingham, C. Paul Curtis, Level U/920L Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis, Level U/950L Little Leaders, Vashti Harrison, Level Z/1050L If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth 870L The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano by Sonia Manzano 720L Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith 580L 	Bone, Jeff Smith, Level S/GN380L The Nameless City, Faith Erin Hicks, Level S/GN390L Drama, Raina Telgemeier, Level U, 400L Smile, Raina Telgemeier, Level X/410L American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang, Level Z/530L Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet, Ta-Nehisi Coates I am Alfonso Jones, Tony Medina, Level Z+/GN640L Miles Morales: Spider Man, Jason Reynolds, Level Z/710L Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked World by P. Bagieu New Kid by Jeremy Craft GN320			
Dystopian/Fantasy	Series			
Aru Shah and the End of Time, Roshani Chokshi, 630L Children of Blood and Bone, Tomi Adeyemi, HL670L Trail of Lightning, by Rebecca Roanhorse HL700L Shadowshaper, Daniel Jose Older, Level Z+/690L Divergent, Veronica Roth, Level Z/700L Noggin, J.C.Whaley, HL760L Maze Runner, James Dashner, Level X/770L The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins, Level Z/810L The Dove Chronicles, Karen Bao, Level Z+/860L The Giver, Lois Lowry, Level Y/760L *Denotes mature content - book may be better suited to older middle school stu	My Hero Academia, by Kohei Horikoshi Dogman, by Dav Pilkey, 390L Big Nate,by L.Pierce,~450L The Bad Guys, by Aaron Nlabey, ~530L Middle School, by James Patterson and others, ~650L Captain Underpants, by Dav Pilkey, ~700L Harry Potter, by J.K. Rowling, 880L Jack and Louisa, by A. Keenan-Bolger, ~900L I Survived, by Lauren Tarshis, ~900L Diary of a Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney, ~1000L Dork Diaries, by Rachel Renee Russell			

New York Times Bestsellers 2018

Young Adult

The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas, 590L Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi, 670L The Fates Divide by Veronica Roth Turtles all the Way Down by John Green, 840L Love and War by Melissa de la Cruz, 990L The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albery 760L I Have Lost My Way by Gayle Forman, 730L Emergency Contact by Mary H.K. Choi One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus, 730L The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo, 800L Tempests and Slaughter by Tamora Pierce, 770L The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton, 650L Thunderhead by Neal Shusterman, 870L Batman: Nightwalker by Marie Lu, 800L The Cruel Prince by Holly Black, 760L Renegades by Marissa Meyer, 860L Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds, 720L This is Where it Ends by Marieke Nijkamp, 630L Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson, 680L #NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women ed. Lisa Charelyboy & Mary Beth Leatherdale 910L

Middle Readers

Wonder by R.J. Palacio, 790L
The Confidence Code for Girls by Katty Kay and Claire Shupman with Jillellyn Riley
The Wild Robot Escapes by Peter Brown, 720L
Rebound by Kwame Alexander, 780L
Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi, 630L
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes, 360L
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown, 740L
Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly, 690L
Little Leaders by Vashti Harrison, 1050L
Refugee by Alan Gratz, 800L
The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris, 720L Minecraft: The Island by Max Brooks, 790L Women in Science by Rachel Ignotofsky, 990L Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli Jacky Ha-Ha: My Life is a Joke by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, 740L The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, 640L Auggie & Me by R.J. Palacio, 680L The Dark Prophecy by Rick Riordan, 700L Cyclone by Doreen Cronin 600L Oddity by Sarah Cannon 780L Star-Crossed, by Barbara Dee 630L

Award Winners 2018-19

Out of Wonder by Kwame Alexander Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson, 680L The Stars Beneath Our Feet, by Barclay Moore, 650L Mama Africa, by Charly Palmer, 630L Long Way Down, by Jason Reynolds, 770L We Are Okay, by Nina LaCour, 660L Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate, 590L Sea Otter Heroes, by Patricia Newman, 1060 Older Than Dirt, by Don Brown, 730L Clayton Byrd Goes Underground, by R Williams-Garcia 710L All's Faire in Middle School, by Victoria Jamieson 460L Bronze and Sunflower, by Cao Wenxuan 790L Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix, by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee, 710L A Different Pond, by Bao Phi, 620L Amina's Voice, by Hena Khan, 800L Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina 700L Front Desk by Kelly Yank 640L

New York City Libraries Middle School Summer Reading Booklist

Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood, by Varsha Bajaj 640L Drama, by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novel) Falling Over Sideways, by Jordan Sonnenblick, 860L Hold Me Closer, Necromancer, by Lish McBride, 650L The Backstagers, by James Tynion IV (graphic novel) A Time to Dance, by Padma Venkatraman, 720L If I Ever Get Out of Here, by Eric Gansworth, 870L Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music that Changed the World, Robbie Robertson

Kwame Alexander M.T. Anderson Leigh Bardugo

Recommended Authors

Robin Benway Kendare Marie Lu Kristen Simmons

Sabaa Tahir G. Willow Wilson Nicola Yoon

Student N	Student Name: Date:							
Summer Reading Time on Text Tracker								
Weeks	Days							Weekly Totals
June 27 th – June 29 th				Last Day of School	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
					mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
June 30th – July 6 th	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
July 7 th – July 13 th	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
July 14 th – July 20 th	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	TOTAL minutes for week
	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
July 21 st – July 27 ^h	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
July 28 th – August 3 rd	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.

August 4 th -August	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
IO th	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
August 11 th -	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
August 17 th	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
August 18 th -	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
August 24 th	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
August 25 th –	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
August 31 st	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.	mins.
Sept 1 st - Sept 3 rd	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	School Starts!				<u>TOTAL minutes</u> <u>for week</u>
	mins.	mins.	mins.					mins.
This summer, I read a total of:								
 days for a total of minutes. 								

And I finished: ______ books.



Week of June 26 - June 29 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes Last Day of <u>Thursday</u> <u>Friday</u> <u>Saturday</u> . for week School mins ____mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?

What I thought about my reading this week (one paragraph):

• Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of June 30 - July 6 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes <u>Sunday</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday <u>Thursday</u> <u>Friday</u> <u>Saturday</u> for week mins mins. mins mins ____mins mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of July 7 – July 13 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes **Sunday** <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday <u>Thursday</u> **Friday** <u>Saturday</u> for week mins mins. mins mins ____mins mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of July 14 – July 20 Time I read this week: Thursday TOTAL minutes <u>Sunday</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday <u>Friday</u> <u>Saturday</u> for week mins mins. mins mins ____mins mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why? Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you? •

What I thought about my reading this week (one paragraph):

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Week of July 21 – July 27 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes <u>Sunday</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday Thursday <u>Friday</u> <u>Saturday</u> for week mins mins. mins mins ____mins mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of July 28 – August 3 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes <u>Sunday</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday <u>Thursday</u> <u>Friday</u> **Saturday** for week mins mins. mins mins ____mins mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of August 4 – August 10

Time I read this week:

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	TOTAL minutes for week
-	mins	mins.	mins	mins	mins	mins	mins	mins.

What I read this week:

Title	Author or Genre	Pages

What I thought about my reading this week (one paragraph):

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of August 11 – August 17 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes **Sunday** <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday Thursday **Friday** <u>Saturday</u> for week mins mins. mins ____mins mins mins mins mins. What I read this week:

Title	Author or Genre	Pages

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of August 18 – August 24 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes **Sunday** <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> Wednesday <u>Thursday</u> Friday **Saturday** for week mins ____mins mins. mins mins mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

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- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	for week
mins	mins.	mins	mins	mins	mins	mins	mins.

What I read this week:

Title	Author or Genre	Pages

- What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why?
- Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you?

Week of September 1 - September 3 Time I read this week: TOTAL minutes <u>Sunday</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>Tuesday</u> First Day of for week School mins. mins mins mins. What I read this week: Title Author or Genre Pages

Or, How does something you read this week connect to your life or the world around you? •

What I thought about my reading this week (one paragraph):

What interested, surprised, or confused you most about your reading this week? Why? •

Last Part: LETTER ABOUT A BOOK

Choose something you read over the summer and write a letter to your teacher or classmates about why it is an important book to read.

- 1. Include the title, author, and a brief summary of the book
- 2. Provide reasons and evidence for why the book is important to read (consider character decisions, conflict/s in the book, connections to your life or the world, themes & lessons, etc.)

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FAMILIES: TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL READER DURING THE SUMMER

Reading is a really important habit for all kinds of people – and especially for middle School students. Reading for 60 minutes a day is probably the most important academic habit a child can develop to prepare for high school and college. Students learn new words, get faster, learn about the world, have interesting things to talk about all the time, and (we hope) have fun! Summer reading is especially important because it helps students maintain the progress they've made the previous year in school. Our brain is like a muscle; if you don't use it, you lose it.

Here are some tips:

- Schedule regular trips to the library to choose new books. Your child will look forward to these outings and will always have new books to choose from. Your nearest local library branch is: ______
- Let your child read what he/she is interested in reading. This helps your child build his/her reading identity. *Any* reading is better than *no* reading and forcing titles might be unsuccessful. If your child doesn't want to finish a book, let him/her give it up. If a book isn't a good fit, don't force it. Reading the "wrong" books can discourage reading altogether.
- Help to find a quiet, well-lit, and comfortable place to read. Turn off the TV, the games, and the phone. Once a child is able to focus 100%, he/she will realize that reading is entertaining too.
- Try to keep track of what he/she is reading, and ask about his/her reading. Checking in on your child's reading may be the encouragement he/she needs to keep reading. Consider reading along with your own copy! and try some of the following questions:
 - $\circ~$ Do you like what you are reading? Why or why not?
 - $\circ~$ What does this book/article make you think about?
 - o What do you think will happen next? Why?
 - $\circ~$ What connections can you make with what you are reading?
 - $\circ~$ What do you think you're doing well as a reader? What can you improve?
- Make reading social. Reading aloud with children builds fluency. Make reading a family affair. Model reading the newspaper, books, or magazines. Also, encourage participation in book clubs, library activities, or school events.

Other Opportunities for Literacy and Learning	Encouraging Thinking & Expressing Ideas by Asking:	
 Reading newspapers and magazines Cooking with kids – and write a family recipe together Write emails or old-fashioned letters to family/friends Start a blog- Edublogs is a safe, teen-friendly platform Read aloud to your kids Volunteer together 	 Who is your favorite? What was the best part of? Always ask "why?" and invite your child to explain their thinking. Encourage your child to teach you something - about a new app, game, something they learned, a piece of pop culture, etc. What surprised you about? What was the hardest part of? 	

Find free educational and fun activities for kids in NYC at: www.nycgo.com/articles/free-for-kids

SUMMER READING - FAMILY LETTER

June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please review the attached materials about expectations for your child's summer reading, including "Tips for Supporting Your Middle School Reader During the Summer," then sign and have your child turn in this page confirming that you understand the expectations.

We all know that the ability to read is critical to our children's success. In September, January, and May all of our students took the Degrees of Reading Power (DRP). The DRP is a reading test that assesses students' reading levels.

Our goal this year was to make reading progress. Many students make between 3 and 6 levels of DRP progress in a school year. Based on the September, January, & May DRP, your child's reading growth is reflected here:

September DRP Score	January DRP Score	May DRP Score

To help your child continue to make reading progress, it is critical for your child to read every day. At minimum, your child should be reading at home for at least 30 minutes each day, throughout the summer months.

Thank you for your collaboration and partnership throughout this year. We are excited to continue our work together as your child steps up into the next grade.

Sincerely,

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I understand the expectations and importance of my child's summer reading and will support my child in getting texts to read and keeping up with the reading expectations.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian Name:	

If you have any questions or concerns, please note on the back.

Contact information if requesting a response: Phone: Email: