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## Channel View School for <br> Research

## $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade Summer Reading Project 2019

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## Summer Reading Project Overview

Dear Rising $7^{\text {th }}$ 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
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## 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 $\sum$ books at their level during the summer months, they are far less likely to slide backwards. Students who read at home at least 3 times a week 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 $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes a day, 5 days a week (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 $\mathbf{9 9 , 3 0 0}$ minutes which is equal to $\mathbf{1 , 6 5 5}$ hours which is equal to 70 days which is equal to 9 weeks and $\mathbf{6}$ days to do anything else.

I can and will...

- read for minutes at least times a week.
- read books this summer.

Student Initials: $\qquad$ Teacher Initials: $\qquad$ Parent/Guardian Initials: $\qquad$

## 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 |
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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?
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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:
Teacher Initials:
Parent/Guardian Initials: $\qquad$

## Book Lists - curated by the Middle School Quality Initiative

| $\quad$ Identity/Culture/Sexuality |
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| 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'Il 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 |


| Social Issues | Poetry (Novels in Verse) |
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| Ghost Boys, Jewell Parker Rhodes, HL360L The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas, Level Z+/590L Allegedly, Tiffany D. Jackson*, HL620L Who Am I Without Him?, Sharon G. Flake, 650L Monster, Walter Dean Myers, Level Z/670L Dear Martin, Nic Stone, HL720L All American Boys, Kiely \& Reynolds, Level X/770L The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander, Level Z+/1390L Monday's Not Coming,Tiffany D. Jackson Pride, by Ibi Zoboi 760L | Solo, Kwame Alexander, Level Z+/640L <br> Long Way Down, Jason Reynolds, Level Z+/720L <br> As Brave As You, Kwame Alexander, Level X/750L <br> The Crossover, Kwame Alexander, Level Z/750L <br> The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo Lexile 800L <br> Locomotion, Jacqueline Woodson, Level V <br> Peace, Locomotion, Jacqueline Woodson, 860 L <br> Brown Girl Dreaming, Jacqueline Woodson, Level U/990L <br> Under the Mesquite, Guadalupe Garcia McCall, 990L |
| Historical | Graphic Novels |
| Full of Beans, Jennifer L. Holm, 490L <br> Mighty Miss Malone, Christopher Paul Curtis, Level U/750L <br> One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia, Level V/750L <br> Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz, Level V/750L <br> March (trilogy), John Lewis \& A. Aydin, Level W/GN760L <br> Chains, Laurie Halse Anderson, Level Z/780L <br> Escape from Aleppo, N. H. Senzai, 880L <br> Watsons go to Birmingham, C. Paul Curtis, Level U/920L <br> Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis, Level U/950L <br> Little Leaders, Vashti Harrison, Level Z/1050L <br> If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth 870L <br> The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano by Sonia Manzano 720L <br> Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith 580L <br> Ahimsa by Supriya Kellar 830L | Bone, Jeff Smith, Level S/GN380L <br> The Nameless City, Faith Erin Hicks, Level S/GN390L <br> Drama, Raina Telgemeier, Level U, 400L <br> Smile, Raina Telgemeier, Level X/410L <br> American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang, Level Z/530L <br> Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet, Ta-Nehisi Coates <br> I am Alfonso Jones, Tony Medina, Level Z+/GN640L <br> Miles Morales: Spider Man, Jason Reynolds, Level Z/710L <br> Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked World by P. Bagieu <br> 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 <br> Noggin, J.C.Whaley, HL 760L <br> Maze Runner, James Dashner, Level X/770L <br> The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins, Level Z/810L <br> The Dove Chronicles, Karen Bao, Level Z+/860L <br> The Giver, Lois Lowry, Level Y/760L | My Hero Academia, by Kohei Horikoshi <br> Dogman, by Dav Pilkey, 390L Big Nate,by L.Pierce, ~450L <br> The Bad Guys, by Aaron Nlabey, ~530L <br> Middle School, by James Patterson and others, ~650L <br> Captain Underpants, by Dav Pilkey, ~700L <br> Harry Potter, by J.K. Rowling, 880L <br> Jack and Louisa, by A. Keenan-Bolger, ~900L <br> I Survived, by Lauren Tarshis, ~900L <br> Diary of a Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney, ~1000L <br> Dork Diaries, by Rachel Renee Russell |

*Denotes mature content - book may be better suited to older middle school students.

## New York Times Bestsellers 2018

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

## Young Adult

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

## Recommended Authors

Kwame Alexander
M.T. Anderson

Leigh Bardugo

Robin Benway
Kendare
Marie Lu
Kristen Simmons

Sabaa Tahir
G. Willow Wilson

Nicola Yoon
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## Summer Reading <br> Time on Text Tracker

| Weeks | Days |  |  |  |  |  |  | Weekly Totals |
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| June 30th <br> - July $6^{\text {th }}$ | Sunday <br> mins. | Monday mins. | Tuesday <br> mins. | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins. | Thursday $\qquad$ mins. | Friday mins. | Saturday $\qquad$ mins. | TOTAL minutes <br> for week $\qquad$ mins. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } 7^{\text {th }}- \\ & \text { July } 3^{\text {th }} \end{aligned}$ | Sunday <br> mins. | Monday <br> mins. | Tuesday <br> mins. | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins. | Thursday $\qquad$ mins. | Friday mins. | Saturday $\qquad$ mins. | TOTAL minutes for week $\qquad$ mins. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } 14^{\text {th }}- \\ & \text { July } 20^{\text {th }} \end{aligned}$ | Sunday <br> mins. | Monday mins. | Tuesday <br> mins. | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins. | Thursday $\qquad$ mins. | Friday <br> mins. | Saturday $\qquad$ mins. | TOTAL minutes <br> for week $\qquad$ mins. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } 22^{\text {st }}- \\ & \text { July } 27^{\mathrm{h}} \end{aligned}$ | Sunday <br> mins. | Monday mins. | Tuesday mins. | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins. | Thursday $\qquad$ mins. | Friday mins. | Saturday $\qquad$ mins. | TOTAL minutes for week $\qquad$ mins. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } 28^{\text {th }}- \\ & \text { August } 3^{\text {rd }} \end{aligned}$ | Sunday <br> mins. | Monday <br> mins. | Tuesday <br> mins. | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins. | Thursday $\qquad$ mins. | Friday mins. | Saturday $\qquad$ mins. | TOTAL minutes for week $\qquad$ mins. |


| August $4^{\text {th }}$ -August $10^{\text {th }}$ |  | Monday mins. |  | $\frac{\text { Wednesday }}{\ldots}$ | Thursday $\quad$ mins. | Friday mins. | $\frac{\text { Saturday }^{\text {mins. }}}{}$ | $\frac{\text { TOTAL minutes }}{\text { for week }}$ $\quad$ mins. |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { August } \\ & \text { rig } \\ & \text { August } \\ & 24^{\text {gh }} \end{aligned}$ | $\underline{\text { Sunday }}$ $\ldots$ mins. | Monday _mins. | Tuesday $[$ mins. | Wednesday $\ldots$ | Thursday $\quad$ __mins. | $\begin{gathered} \underline{\text { Friday }} \\ \quad \text { mins. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text { Saturday }}{} \\ & \quad \text { mins. } \end{aligned}$ | $\substack{\text { TOTAL minutes } \\ \text { for week } \\ \quad \text { mins. }}$ |
| August <br> $25^{\text {th }}$ <br> August 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ | Sunday mins. | Monday $\qquad$ mins. | Tuesday <br>  | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins. | Thursday __mins. | Friday | $\frac{\text { Saturday }^{\text {mins. }}}{}$ | TOTAL minutes for week $\qquad$ mins |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept } \mathrm{I}^{\text {st }} \\ & \text { Sept } 3^{\text {rd }} \end{aligned}$ | $\underline{\text { Sunday }}$ <br>  <br> mins. | Monday _mins. | $\qquad$ | School Starts! |  |  |  | $\substack{\text { TOTAL minutes } \\ \text { for week } \\ \text { mins. }}$ |

## This summer, I read a total of:

## And I finished:

## Week of June 26 - June 29

Time I read this week:

|  |  | Last Day of School | Thursday $\qquad$ mins | Friday mins | Saturday mins | $\frac{\text { TOTAL minutes }}{\text { for week }}$ mins. |
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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 June 30 - July 6

Time I read this week:

| Sunday mins | Monday $\qquad$ mins. | Tuesday mins | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins | Thursday $\qquad$ mins | Friday $\qquad$ mins | Saturday <br> mins | $\begin{gathered} \frac{\text { TOTAL minutes }}{\text { for week }} \\ \text { mins. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
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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 July 7 - July 13

Time I read this week:

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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?

Time I read this week:

| Sunday mins | Monday mins | Tuesday mins | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins | Thursday $\qquad$ mins | Friday $\qquad$ mins | Saturday $\qquad$ mins | $\frac{\text { TOTAL minutes }}{\text { for week }}$ mins. |
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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?

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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?

Time I read this week:

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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 4 - August 10

Time I read this week:

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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:

| Sunday <br> mins | Monday mins. | Tuesday mins | Wednesday $\qquad$ mins | Thursday $\qquad$ mins | Friday $\qquad$ mins | Saturday $\qquad$ mins | $\begin{gathered} \frac{\text { TOTAL minutes }}{\text { for week }} \\ \text { mins. } \end{gathered}$ |
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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 18 - August 24

Time I read this week:

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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 25 - August 31

Time I read this week:

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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 September 1 - September 3

Time I read this week:

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | First Day of |  |  |  | TOTAL minutes <br> School <br> mins |
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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?


## 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.)
$\qquad$ 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: $\qquad$
- 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:
- Do you like what you are reading? Why or why not?
- What does this book/article make you think about?
- What do you think will happen next? Why?
- What connections can you make with what you are reading?
- 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 | - Who is your favorite $\ldots$. .? - What was the best part of $\ldots$. .? |
| - $\quad$ Cooking with kids - and write a family recipe together | - Always ask "why?" and invite your child to explain their thinking. |
| - Write emails or old-fashioned letters to family/friends | - Encourage your child to teach you something - about a new app, game, |
| - Start a blog- Edublogs is a safe, teen-friendly platform | smething they learned, a piece of pop culture, etc. |
| - Read aloud to your kids | - What surprised you about . .? $\quad$ What was the hardest part of . . .? |
| - Volunteer together | - What was the most important part of . . ? |

## 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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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: $\qquad$ 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: $\qquad$
Parent/Guardian Name: $\qquad$

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

Contact information if requesting a response: Phone: $\qquad$ Email: $\qquad$

