



MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONAL SUMMER READING PROJECT

Dear Middle School Students,

The Middle School English Department hopes that you are having a wonderful summer so far. We also hope that you take the time to read for pleasure this summer. We love reading, and we love to help students love reading too! Should you choose to read any new books this summer, you will have the opportunity to take AR quizzes on those books when you return to school in August. You will also have an opportunity to write an extra credit book report on a book found on the appropriate Teacher Reading List ([click the link here](#) → [Summer 2023 Middle School Reading List](#)).

We want to give you an opportunity to read a quality book while you are on vacation. When you click the link above, you will find a spreadsheet for your grade level of some suggested books to read. These lists include the books' titles, authors, reading levels, interest levels, and AR point values.

If you do choose to read one of the books from your grade's list this summer, you can write a book report for extra credit. For full points, your book report should follow these directions:

- This report should be on a book you have read this summer (and have never read before!) from your grade level's list in the spreadsheet above
- Include your first and last name in a heading in the upper left-hand corner
- Include a title (Extra Credit Summer Reading Report)
- Be 1-2 pages in length
- Typed double-spaced in 12-pt. font, Times New Roman or Arial
- Introduce the book's title, author, and genre.
- Provide a summary of the book
 - Include general information on plot, setting, and characters
- Give a book recommendation
 - Do you recommend it to other readers? Why or why not? Explain.
- Be sure to utilize proper writing mechanics
 - Proper paragraph formatting
 - Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, etc.

This assignment is extra credit, and students may earn up to 20 extra credit points. What a cool way to start the new school year! **If you choose to do this assignment, it will be due no later than the first Friday of school, August 18, 2023.** You will submit this report to your English teacher in printed form.

Make sure to follow directions completely. **The book you choose to read for your Extra Credit Book Report must be from the appropriate grade level list found in the spreadsheet linked at the beginning of this letter. If you choose a book not from the list and do a report, you can still quiz on that book, but you will not receive the extra credit points.** If you read more than one book from the list, you can take AR quizzes on those books at the beginning of the school year.

We will be praying for you this summer as you relax and enjoy your time off!

Blessings,

Mrs. Dimaano

8th Grade English Teacher

Miss Terra

7th Grade English Teacher

Mrs. Easter

6th Grade English Teacher

Notes on Finding AR Books Beyond the Teachers' Summer Reading Lists

As you prepare for the new school year, we will ask that you be familiar with finding books at ARBookfind.com. Each quarter, students will be expected to read and quiz on books to meet their AR Goals as an English class requirement.

To find out if a book has an AR quiz, students should check AR Book Find to make sure their books are quizzable. They can also use this site as a way to find new books to read!

- You can search for both fiction books and nonfiction books by title, author, reading level, areas of interest, etc.
- We suggest that you take the time this summer to create a book list for yourself using AR Book Bag. Put books on this list that you want to read throughout the year to help you grow in your reading and to also help you accomplish your AR reading goals each quarter.

Happy reading!

