

Lakelands Park Middle School Summer Reading 2014-15

Why do I have to read over the summer?

In Montgomery County Public Schools, summer reading has been an expected practice in middle and high schools and an encouraged practice in elementary schools since 1998.

Reading is a life-long skill that a person not only needs to succeed as a student and a worker, but it is also an essential skill in civic and personal activities. Perhaps even more importantly, reading opens the world to a person through various forms of literature. By reading, students have the opportunity to learn about people, times, regions, and ideas that may enhance their knowledge and development. Reading can also bring a lifetime of pleasure and mental acuity.

Research strongly suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice and decreases when we don't engage in it for even a short time. Therefore, consistent with our commitment to prepare all students for success during school and after graduation, we continue to expect all students to read during the summer.

Okay, so what do I have to do?

You are responsible for reading **AT LEAST TWO** books (fiction or non-fiction) this summer and completing **ONE** of the options on the Project Menu. **Turn in your completed assignment to your English or ESOL teacher by September 5, 2014**. This assignment will be graded as a homework assignment.

Project Menu (Select One):

Select **ONE** of the books that you read this summer and complete **ONE** of the following assignments:

- OPTION ONE:** Complete the attached graphic organizer. You may write or type the assignment. A copy of the organizer is available on the LPMS webpage.
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/lakelandsparkms/>
- OPTION TWO:** Create a poster about your novel or non-fiction book. If you select a novel, please include details about setting, plot, and characterization. If you select a non-fiction text, be sure to include a summary of the text and important details.
- OPTION THREE:** Create a PowerPoint about your novel or non-fiction book. If you select a novel, please include details about setting, plot, and characterization. If you select a non-fiction text, be sure to include a summary of the text and important details.

Where can I find a good book?

The public libraries, as well as, local bookstores, are filled with lots of great young adult books. Below are websites that may be helpful:

- Montgomery County Public Library:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>
- Black-Eyed Susan 2014-15 Nominees: <http://www.maslmd.org/>
- The Lexile Framework for Reading: <http://www.lexile.com/>

Questions?

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Lakelands Park Middle School Summer Reading Author Suggestions

Avi	Virginia Hamilton	Richard Peck
Lloyd Alexander	Karen Hesse	Rodman Philbrick
T.A. Barron	Will Hobbs	Tamora Pierce
Joan Bauer	Anthony Horowitz	James Preller
Fred Bowen	Brian Jacques	Rick Riordan
Michael Buckley	Kathryn Lasky	Philip Pullman
Meg Cabot	Tanith Lee	Ann Rinaldi
Matt Christopher	Ursula Leguin	Veronica Roth
Sook Nyul Choi	Madeleine L'Engle	J. K. Rowling
Sandra Cisneros	C. S. Lewis	William Sleator
Suzanne Collins	Janet Lisle	Gary Soto
Ally Condie	Mike Lupica	Elizabeth Speare
Caroline Cooney	Wendy Mass	Lemony Snicket
Susan Cooper	Carol Matas	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Sharon Creech	Robin McKinley	Jerry Spinelli
Christopher Paul Curtis	Patricia McKissack	Mildred Taylor
Peter Dickinson	Carolyn Meyer	Megan Turner
Sharon Draper	Ben Mikaelson	Cynthia Voigt
Thomas Dygard	Walter Dean Myers	Bill Wallace
Nancy Farmer	Beverly Naidoo	Rich Wallace
Alex Flinn	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Robert Westall
Jack Gantos	Garth Nix	Ruth White
Jean Craighead George	Scott O'Dell	Jacqueline Woodson
Patricia Giff	Linda Sue Park	Laurence Yep
John Grisham	Katherine Paterson	Jane Yolen
Margaret Haddix	Gary Paulsen	
Mary Downing Hahn		

Student's Name _____ Grade in 2014-15: 6 7 8

Title _____ Author _____

1) List and describe the main characters.

Character	Description/Character Traits

2) Select one character. How did he or she change from the beginning of the novel to the end?
You may write sentences, bullets, or draw a picture with captions to show your thinking.

Character Name:		
Beginning	Middle	End

3) Do you like this character? Why or why not? Use at least three specific details to support your opinion. You may use sentences, bullet points, or artwork with captions to show your thinking.

4) Identify at least five important or memorable scenes. Include a few specific notes about each.

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