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Summer Reading Program

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Dear Parents & Students,

The school year is almost over, but learning never stops! The Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) advocates that all students continue the learning process by reading over the summer. Therefore, Banneker students are required to read at least two (2) selections (preferably, one non-fiction book, and one novel). In order to show evidence that your child has completed the requirements, he or she should complete the attached grade-level questions on the worksheets provided.

Please note that all items will be collected by English teachers during the 1st week of school, and scored as a formative grade. To clarify, you will be completing a total of three paragraphs to receive full credit. This assignment will not be accepted after the second week of the 1st marking period (absolute deadline is September 4th).

In addition to the MCPS required summer reading, Banneker is committed to helping students understand the importance of reading for pleasure and developing background knowledge. Therefore, a list of suggested titles is included. However, students may choose any grade-level appropriate text that is approved by a parent. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Ellis (English Content Specialist).

Thank you, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The English/Reading Department

Summer Reading List Suggested 6th Grade

Fiction

No Talking
The House of the Scorpion
The Watsons go to Birmingham
--and now Miguel
Miracle's Boys
Heat
Red Kayak
Lowji Discovers America
City of Ember
Epic

Andrew Clements
Nancy Farmer
Christopher Paul
Joseph Krumgold
Jacqueline Woodson
Mike Lupica
Priscilla Cummings
Candace Fleming
Jeanne DuPrau
Connor Kostick

Students may also choose a parent approved, 6th grade appropriate fiction book.

Non-Fiction

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane
Chew on This
Quest for the Tree Kangaroo
The Snake Scientist
Three Cups of Tea (Young Readers' Edition)
Venus & Serena: Serving from the Hip

Russell Freedman
Eric Schlosser
Sy Montgomery
Sy Montgomery
Greg Mortenson & David Relin
Venus & Serena Williams

Students may also choose a parent approved, 6th grade appropriate non-fiction book.

Summer Reading List Suggested 7th Grade

Fiction

Cousins
Freak the Mighty
The Outsiders
Tangerine
Zlata's Diary
Stargirl
The Secret Life of Bees
Bud, Not Buddy

Virginia Hamilton
Rodman Philbrick
S.E. Hinton
Edward Bloor
Zlata Filipovic
Jerry Spinelli
Susan Monk Kidd
Christopher Paul Curtis

Students may also choose a parent approved, 7th grade appropriate fiction book.

Non-Fiction (7th Grade)

The Story of My Life	Helen Keller
Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story	Ben Carson
Hope in the Unseen	Ron Suskind
We Beat the Streets: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success	The Three Doctors

Students may also choose a parent approved, 7th grade appropriate non-fiction book.

Summer Reading List Suggested 8th Grade

Fiction

Cousins	Virginia Hamilton
Suite Scarlett	Maureen Johnson
Trouble	Gary Schmidt
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
After Tupac and D Foster	Jacqueline Woodson
Diamond of a Darkhold	Jeanne DuPrau
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card

Students may also choose a parent approved, 8th grade appropriate fiction book.

Non-Fiction

We Beat the Streets: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success	The Three Doctors
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou
Autobiography of Malcolm X	Alex Haley
Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr.	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Students may also choose a parent approved, 8th grade appropriate non-fiction book.

Summer Reading Worksheet Guidelines

- All paragraphs need to have a topic sentence that uses part of each question.
- All paragraphs must have at least three supporting details.
- All paragraphs must have a conclusion (what is your point?) that does not restate your topic sentence.

