

**Rocky Hill Middle School  
22401 Brick Haven Way  
Clarksburg, Maryland 20871**

June 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This summer, all students entering grades 6, 7, or 8 at Rocky Hill Middle School will be participating in the countywide summer reading program. During the summer each student will be required to read **two full-length texts, one fiction and one nonfiction, and write ONE summary** for the fiction **OR** the nonfiction book. Students **are required** to select books that they have **not** previously read.

The **fiction** text should be selected according to the child's interest and reading level. Students may select books written by the authors listed in this packet. Authors for all reading levels and genre preferences are on the list. Students are **NOT** required to select books written by the authors on the list.

The **nonfiction** text should be selected according to the child's interest and reading level. There are nonfiction topics included in this packet. Students are **NOT** required to read about these topics.

In addition to reading the fiction and nonfiction texts, **each student will write a summary of ONE of the texts**. Please refer to the *Summary Guidelines* included in this packet. The **due date/deadline** for the reading and summary is **Friday, September 6, 2019**. **The assignment will not be accepted after the deadline**. Teachers will begin collecting the *Summer Reading Response* page and summary on the first day of school. Students will earn a summer reading grade for quarter one.

We encourage you to follow your child's progress. After your son or daughter has completed the assignment, please **sign the *Summer Reading Response* page and have your child return the signed page and summary to his or her 2019-2020 English teacher (grades 7 & 8) or reading teacher (grade 6) by September 6, 2019**.

If you have any questions concerning the summer reading program, please call the school at 301-353-8282 and speak with Mrs. Paul, the English Content Specialist.

We hope you enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Rocky Hill English/Reading Teachers



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**SUMMARY GUIDELINES**

- Use important ideas that demonstrate an understanding of the entire text.
- Organize information effectively. In your topic sentence state the title, author, and main topic or theme. Include important information in the body. In the closing sentence offer insights or restate the main idea in a different way.
- Write neatly in blue or black ink or type your response.
- Observe 1" left and right margins.
- Demonstrate correct language usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- If you write your summary on a separate sheet of paper, write a complete heading that includes your name and the date. On the title line write *Summer Reading Summary*.

**Summer Reading Fiction  
Suggested Authors**

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

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## Looking for some ideas for nonfiction reading?

Here are some topics students may cover in middle school:

### World Studies

#### Grade 6

The Development of Civilizations  
Egypt  
Greece  
Rome  
China

#### Grade 7

Feudalism and the Middle Ages  
The Renaissance  
Kingdoms of Africa  
Civilizations of Latin America:

- Inca
- Aztecs

#### Grade 8

United States History  
Colonial America  
American Revolution  
U.S. Constitution and Democracy  
U.S. economic system  
Industrialism  
Social Reform movement  
Slavery  
Civil War  
Westward Expansion  
Reconstruction

### Science

#### Grade 6

Diversity and Adaptation  
Ecology and Environmental issues  
Ecosystems  
Food Chains  
Force, Motion and Energy  
Climate Change  
Thermal Energy  
Alternative Energy  
Electricity & Magnetism

#### Grade 7

Cell biology  
Chemistry  
(atoms, molecules, and the periodic table)  
Structure and function of the systems of the human body  
Cell division and heredity  
Forensics

#### Grade 8

Astronomy  
Weather  
Earth's Atmosphere  
The water cycle  
Hurricanes and severe weather  
Earthquakes  
Volcanoes  
The Earth's structure  
Geology  
The Solar System  
The Electromagnetic Spectrum  
Waves and Sound  
Exoplanets  
Climate Change

### English and Reading Grades 6, 7, 8

Biographies  
Autobiographies



## Need a summer reading book?

Then check out SORA! It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com).
2. In Sora, find your school and sign in.
3. Browse the Explore tab, borrow a book and start reading!