Why do we have summer reading requirements?

Summer reading has been an expected practice in Montgomery County Public Schools since 1998. Research suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice. Additionally, reading is a life-long skill essential to success in academic, civic, and personal circles. Therefore, consistent with our systemic goals of preparing students for success both during school and after graduation, we at Tilden Middle School continue to expect students to read during the summer.

Overview of summer reading at Tilden Middle School

Summer reading at TMS is meant to be both fun and educational. To that end, you will read five books of your choosing. At least two of the books should be non-fiction. All books need to be age-appropriate and approved by parents/guardians. Thoroughly complete the organizer at the end of this document, and obtain a parent’s/guardian’s signature to confirm that you have read the book. The due date for the summer reading organizers is Friday, September 9, 2016. Students who transfer into TMS during the summer are also expected to have met the expectations for summer reading.

Where can I get help in choosing my books?

Our goal is to encourage you to read! By giving you the choice of books, we hope you will be more invested in reading and in the accompanying activities. Although we are asking you to read and respond to five books, you might also enjoy reading magazines, newspapers, parent-approved websites, joke books, graphic novels, short stories, poems, etc. You may look for appropriate books in several places, including searching websites and authors listed on a separate page in this packet. You are not required to read a book by any of these authors; the list is simply a starting point.

Sincerely,

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Summer Reading
Suggested Author list
(this list is by no means exhaustive or meant to list all recommended authors)

Avi
Robin McKinley
Louisa May Alcott
Patricia McKissack
Lloyd Alexander
Carolyn Meyer
T.A. Barron
Ben Mikaelsen
Joan Bauer
Walter Dean Myers
Meg Cabot
Beverly Naidoo
Matt Christopher
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Sook Nyul Choi
Jenny Nimmo
Sandra Cisneros
Garth Nix
Eoin Colfer
Scott O’Dell
Caroline Cooney
Linda Sue Park
Susan Cooper
Katherine Paterson
Sharon Creech
Richard Peck
Christopher Paul Curtis
Gary Paulsen
Roald Dahl
Rodman Philbrick
Peter Dickinson
Tamora Pierce
Thomas Dygard
Philip Pullman
Nancy Farmer
Ann Rinaldi
Jack Gantos
J.K. Rowling
Jean Craighead George
Ann Schraff
Patricia Giff
Darren Shan
Michael Crichton
William Sleator
Margaret Haddix
Gary Soto
Mary Downing Hahn
Elizabeth Speare
Virginia Hamilton
Lemony Snicket
Karen Hesse
Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Will Hobbs
Jerry Spinelli
Anthony Horowitz
R.L. Stine
Brian Jacques
Mildred Taylor
Robert Jordan
J.R.R. Tolkien
Kathryn Lasky
Megan Turner
Tanith Lee
Mark Twain
Ursula Le Guin
Cynthia Voigt
Madeleine L’Engle
Bill Wallace
C.S. Lewis
Robert Westall
Janet Lisle
Ruth White
Paul Landom
Jacqueline Woodson
Jack London
Laurence Yep
Ann Martin
Jane Yolen
Carol Matas
If you’d like more information on Montgomery County Public Schools Summer Reading program, you may access the following website: http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/

The Montgomery County Public library system also has a summer reading program: https://montgomerycountymd.beanstack.org/reader365

Scholastic has a summer reading program that can be found here: http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016

Barnes and Noble also has a summer reading program, the Summer Reading Triathlon: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9

The following websites also offer ideas for books:

Coretta Scott King Book Awards: http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards

International Reading Association: http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/

Carol Hurst’s Children’s Literature: http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html

Books for girls: http://www.readergirlz.com/

Books for boys: http://www.guysread.com/

James Patterson’s Read Kiddo Read: http://www.readkiddoread.com/

Sync (Youth Adult Literature on Audio): http://www.audiobooksync.com/

Montgomery County Public Library Teens Site: http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/teensite

Maryland Association of School Librarians (Black Eyed Susan Award nominees and winners): http://www.maslmd.org/

The Lexile Framework for Reading: http://www.lexile.com/
Summer Reading Organizer

Fiction Title: ____________________________  Student Name: ____________________________

Author: _______________________________  Parent Signature: __________________________

Number of pages: _______  Date Finished: ___________________________

What I liked . . .

Favorite quote:

Reason why I chose this quote:

What I would change . . .

I (would/would not) recommend this book because:

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Non-Fiction Title: ________________________________  Student Name: ____________________________

Author: _______________________________  Parent Signature: __________________________

Number of pages: _____________  Date Finished: ___________________________

What I learned about the topic:

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Summer Reading Organizer

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Author: _______________________________

Number of pages: _______

What I liked . . .

Parent Signature: ___________________________

Date Finished: ___________________________

Favorite quote:

Reason why I chose this quote:

What I would change . . .

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Author: _______________________________

Number of pages: _____________

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