

Announcing Our NMS Summer Reading List!

Summer reading books have been chosen that align with our BEST standards. Students will be held accountable for reading two books, one of which must be from their rising grade level list. Books will be reviewed by the Language Arts Department during the first month of the 2023-2024 school year.

An **optional** story map may be printed out to take notes on to help with remembering the important parts of the books. We hope you enjoy the books that have been selected.

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We appreciate your participation and cooperation.

*** Starred books are the **required** book for students in the gifted program.

Many of the books are available in free PDF's.

Audiobooks may be available through Learning Ally Audio Book Solutions in CLEVER.

Option for All Grade Levels

(All YA books should be approved by a parent or guardian)

The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days - Michele Weber Hurwitz

Thirteen-year-old Nina begins her summer vacation by doing a random act of kindness for a neighbor. When she sees how well received this kind gesture is, she decides to spend her summer vacation secretly doing 64 more good deeds for her neighbors, friends and family (one good deed for every day of vacation). Will her random acts of kindness change the world or backfire in ways she never dreamed?

Rising 6th Graders

*****A Long Walk to Water – Linda Sue Park**

A Long Walk to Water teaches about water conditions in South Sudan, Africa. The story is told from two perspectives, a girl named Nya and a boy named Salva. The reader follows the story of Salva and Nya's journey through Sudan with little water, and little family.

Pax – Sara Pennypacker

"Pax" tells the story of a boy named Peter and his best friend; a fox named Pax. When Peter's father volunteers to go to war, Peter must give up the fox he has raised since it was a kit. Peter wars with himself as he feels guilty for abandoning his friend.

The New Kid – Jerry Kraft

A graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real.

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

Rising 7th Graders

*****Peak – Roland Smith**

After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. *Big* strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit—and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life.

The Crossover – Kwame Alexander

12-year-old African American Josh Bell narrates *The Crossover* in verse; his stories and rhymes dribble down the page in much the same way he and his twin brother, Jordan, dribble the ball down the basketball court. At six feet tall and with the guidance of their legendary basketball player father, Charles (Chuck) "Da Man" Bell, Josh and Jordan are the stars of their basketball team!

My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich – Ibi Zoboi

This is the story of Ebony-Grace ("E-Grace"), a 12-year-old African American girl from Huntsville, Alabama, who spends the summer of 1984 in Harlem with her father. At home in Huntsville, E-Grace lives with her mother and a grandfather who was one of NASA's first Black engineers. E-Grace and her grandfather share a rich fantasy world that's heavily influenced by Star Trek. But her grandfather has gotten into some kind of trouble, and her mother thinks it's best that E-Grace is not at home until that's resolved. Grace has a hard time adjusting to life in Harlem due to culture shock, her underdeveloped social skills, and her father's bumpy relationship with his brother.

Rising 8th Graders

****The Latehomecomer* – Kao Kalia Yang

This is the story of the author's family, who are Hmong refugees from Laos. The book chronicles their journey to America and their struggles to adjust to their new home. The book is both a personal story and a history of the Hmong people. It is an important work that gives a voice to an often-marginalized community.

I-Robot – Isaac Asimov

A set of stories about the first robotic machines and the problems and pitfalls of living with and working alongside them. The book is the first in a series of several novels about robots; it is famous for its three laws of robotics that govern machine behavior, and for its device, the positronic brain, which contains a robot's conscious intelligence.

The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros

The book is told in small vignettes which act as both chapters of a novel and independent short stories or prose poems. The story encompasses a year in Esperanza's life, as she moves to a house on Mango Street in a barrio (Latino neighborhood) of Chicago, Illinois. The house on Mango Street is an improvement over Esperanza's previous residences, but it is still not the house she or her family dreams of, and throughout the book Esperanza feels that she doesn't belong there.



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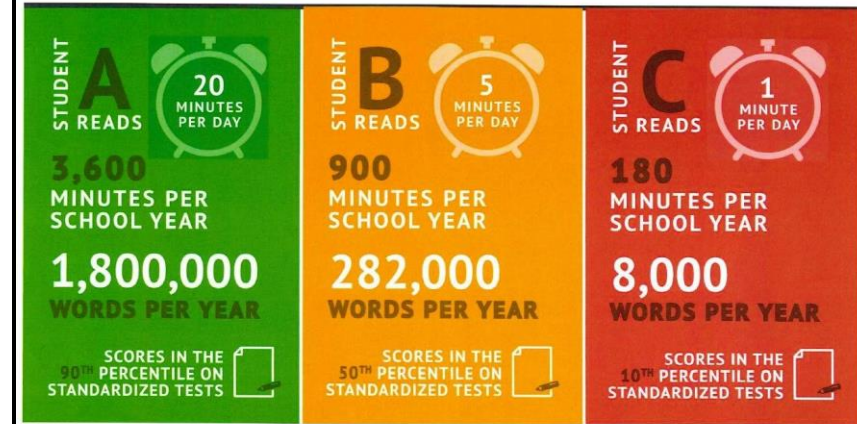
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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?



IF STUDENTS START READING 20 MINUTES PER NIGHT IN KINDERGARTEN, BY THE END OF 6TH GRADE, STUDENT A WILL HAVE READ FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF 60 SCHOOL DAYS, STUDENT B WILL HAVE READ FOR 12 AND STUDENT C FOR 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER?
SIMPLY READ!

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expectations of ourselves!