

First of all, I hope that all of you have a restful and fun summer! You and your child deserve it! As we look ahead to next school year, here are a few important items and dates of interest.

This summer your child will be required to read **one** novel, chosen by him/her from the selection below. Novels can be purchased from a bookstore or borrowed from your local library. All novels are age/grade appropriate. The numbers following the author's name are the lexile measures and ATOS book levels, which can be helpful in determining which book your child should be able to read at an independent level. Staff will be available in the middle school library for AR testing this summer (dates below), and students are reminded to bring the selected book for which he/she will be testing. The summer reading grade will be dependent upon his/her performance on the AR test. (For example, if your child makes 80% on his/her AR test, the summer reading grade will be reflected as 20/25.) This grade will count for 25 points of your child's first quarter reading grade. Students must pass one AR test from the selection of books listed below. It is recommended that students start reading early so that they may have more than one opportunity to achieve their best scores. The testing deadline is the first day of school, August 8th. After this date, the highest percentage will be used as the 25-point summer reading grade. Any other points acquired from testing on the selection of books below will go toward AR incentive points, but will not count toward your child's AR requirements. A/R requirements for the coming year will be discussed by your child's reading teacher during the first weeks of school in August. (Other required points PER quarter for each student are 10 points for 8th grade, 9 points for 7th grade, and 8 points for 6th grade, 7 points for 5th grade) We hope you enjoy your summer novels!

Entering 5th grade Summer Reading Choice:

I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941 by Lauren Tarshis **Lexile 620**

The Report Card by Andrew Clements **Lexile 700**

The BFG by Roald Dahl **Lexile 720**

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor **Lexile 780**

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson **Lexile 810**

Entering 6th Grade Summer Reading Choices:

Holes by Louis Sachar **LEXILE 660 AR**

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg **LEXILE 700**

Among the Hidden by Magaret Peterson Haddix **LEXILE 800**

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis **LEXILE 950**

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen **LEXILE 1020**

Entering 7th Grade Summer Reading Choices:

The Total Tragedy of a Girl named Hamlet by Erin Dionne **Lexile 750**

The Big Time by Tim Green **Lexile 780**

Heat by Mike Lupica **Lexile 940**

Dog Song by Gary Paulsen **Lexile 930**

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell **Lexile 1000**

Entering 8th Grade Summer Reading Choices:

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George **Lexile 860**

Blood Red Horse by K.M Grant **Lexile 930**

The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett **Lexile 970**

Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Lyson **Lexile 1000**

Woodsonø by Garv Paulsen **Lexile 1090**