

Edison Preparatory Middle School Summer Reading 2019

8th Grade

It is strongly suggested that all Edison Preparatory Middle School students turn in four Summer Reading Projects. Reading and writing during the summer helps students to stay on top of their skills and be reading for a new school year. The book lists and projects are listed below.

Each project is worth 100 points

- Project #1 points will be put in PowerSchool at the end of 1st quarter
- Project #2 points will be put in PowerSchool at the end of 2nd quarter
- Project #3 points will be put in PowerSchool at the end of 3rd quarter
- Project #4 points will be put in PowerSchool at the end of 4th quarter

Assigned Book and Project

Project #1 – *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

Read the book and complete the activities below:

1. Cast a play for the book. List at least 10 characters from the book and assign an actor to play that role. Include a 2 sentence summary for each actor explaining why they would be a good fit for that character.
2. Choose one chapter from the book and rewrite it in play form.

Project #2 – Nonfiction

Choose one of the following nonfiction books to read. Then, complete the assigned project.

- *Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve Sheinkin
- *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Friday Night Lights* by HG Bissinger
- *Stolen Into Slavery* by Judy & Dennis Fraden

Project:

Write or type a Book Blog on paper. It must be at least one page long. You must have at least three other people (parent, sibling, friend, etc.) comment on your Blog paper.

(A Blog is a piece of writing that gives your thoughts on a subject. In this case, give your informal thoughts on the events in the book.)

Project #3 – 19th Century Classic

Choose one of the following 19th century classic novels to read. Then, complete the assigned project.

- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells

Project:

Correspondence with Another Character – Pretend you are one of the characters in the book. Write a letter (in first person point of view) to another character in the book. It must be at least one page long.

Project #4 – One Last Book!

Choose one of the following novels to read. Then, complete the assigned project.

- *The Clockwork Three* by Matthew J. Kirby
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain* by John Boyne
- *The One Memory of Flora Banks* by Emily Barr
- A book of your own choosing that is at least 150 pages long and not a graphic novel or anime.

Project:

Create a Double Entry Journal – Divide your page in the center from the top to the bottom. On the left side of the page, write 20 direct quotes from the book including the page number. On the right side of the page, write your reflections or thoughts about each of the quotes.

If you have any questions, please contact
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- All four projects should be:
- ✓ On one piece of paper each with your name in the top right corner.
 - ✓ In ONE manila envelope and labeled in the top right corner with: your name & book titles

- ✓ Please place all four projects in the same envelope!
- ✓ Turn the envelope with completed projects in to your language arts teacher the first week of school.