

# Hill Country Middle School – Incoming 8th Graders for 2020–2021



**Summer reading expectations:** Incoming 8th graders are expected to read at least **one, new-to-you grade-level appropriate** book this summer, and complete one video booktalk using Flipgrid that explains a **goal-related connection** you can make to a passage in the book. The **Grade 8 Summer Reading Fligrid** (a daily grade in English class) will be used as a starting point this fall for discussions about great books to read.



**Locate a passage in the book that you can connect to a time in your own life when you set a goal and either reached it OR you didn't but yet learned how to get back up and move on.**

Then, **join** our HCMS Grade 8 Summer Reading Flipgrid. *Flipgrid is a safe and private website and app where students can create book talk videos and share what they are reading with other HCMS students.*

**Uploading to Flipgrid:** (You **MUST** use your @eanesisd.net email address!)

Device app option:

- 1) Open or download the Flipgrid app
- 2) enter grid code: **76ecc1cc**

Computer option:

- 1) Click this link:  
<https://flipgrid.com/cougars8th>

**Now add a book talk:**

Under **Summer Reading 8th Grade**, click the + sign, and record yourself giving a book talk.

Use the following **script** (follow it exactly) to guide your book talk: (It's best to write it out first!)

*My name is ... (must say FIRST and LAST name)*

*(As you hold up the book) The book I read was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.*

*I am going to read a passage from page \_\_\_\_\_. (passage must be at least three sentences)*

*I can connect this to a goal in my own life ... (Be specific in how the passage connects to how you did or did not reach your goal AND how this experience affected you.)*

*The best thing about this book was ... (Be specific in your explanation!)*

The **cover image** for the Flipgrid should be a picture of **THE COVER OF YOUR BOOK** (and only that!). There should be no faces, people, animals, or props.

**Need a book recommendation?**

[Texas Lone Star Reading List](#) or [Goodreads Teen Lists](#) or [TAYSHAS Reading List](#)

Have a wonderful summer! Happy reading, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

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