

Hill Country Middle School – Incoming 8th Graders for 2019-2020



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



First, **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.

Signing up for Flipgrid:

Device app option: 1) Download the Flipgrid app from Self Service or App Store 2) Click on "I am a Student." 3) enter grid code [0025d7cd](https://flipgrid.com/0025d7cd) 4) enter protected grid code: **hcms8**

Computer option: 1) Click this link: <https://flipgrid.com/0025d7cd> 2) enter password: **hcms8**

Now add a book talk:

Click on the Grade 8 Summer Reading 2019 box, 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 ...

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

I am going to read a passage from page ____.

I made a personal connection to this because ... (Be specific with your connection!)

I thought this book was ... (How many stars? Reason you liked it? etc.)

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](#)

Summer Book Checkout:

Students are invited to check out up to 10 books from the HCMS Library to read over the summer. Download [THIS PERMISSION SLIP](#), return to the Library May 27-30, and check out books to take home! Watch [THIS VIDEO](#) for more info!

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

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