

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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