



Dear current Middle School families, rising fifth graders and new families,

We did it! We are exhilarated; we are proud, and we are definitely ready for summer. I've heard from many of you that you feel the same way. We hope you can enjoy some things you've put off for 15 months, and we are all ready to get back to all of the things we love. I'm ready for some family time, our annual trip to Kiawah Island, and lots of great books.

Below are two summer "charges" for our students:

Required - All students should arrive on the first day of school having read their required summer reading for their rising grade levels. We love the combination of an all-grade read and a book of choice from the extensive and thoughtfully curated list. See the letter below from our English Department Chair, Annalee Taylor.

Required - All students should arrive on the first day of school with their completed relationship component project outlined within the summer reading document. These projects are a wonderful way for all students to get to know one another more deeply, and they are meant to be easy to complete. If it is causing stress or feeling too complicated, it probably is--this should be enjoyable, simple, and fun!

Optional - Within the summer reading materials, there are links for grammar, keyboarding, and writing to use as desired by students and families. We are including these because it can be a great way to keep kids engaged in these important skills.

Optional - Each year, we issue a summer "charge" to students with a mini contest. This year, Mr. Northrup has created a padlet [here](#) where students can add interesting photos and notes about what they are up to! We are encouraging them to share acts of kindness, stories shared by older members of their families, and books they have read, just to name a few things. There are always prizes in August based on participation! (Remember, to list all of the books you have read in order to qualify for my additional prizes!!!)

As always, we will update you throughout the summer with various "need to know" items. The next letter typically comes in early July, so I'll leave your inbox alone for a month or so!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, on behalf of our entire team,

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Dear families of Middle School Students,

Summer is a time to relax and recharge. The Middle School English teachers, the Deans, and our librarian, Mrs. Hartley, created our summer work to reflect this idea and give students an opportunity to continue their growth made through the school year.

We are recommending grammar, reading, writing, and keyboarding practice this summer. At its core, our summer work reflects our mission: *Cannon School nurtures relationships at the heart of learning and engages the learner in a journey of growth.* We are asking students to continue engaging by reading both shared texts and texts of choice this summer. Meanwhile, we honor the importance of the relationships we build with students, and we have included a “relationship component” that is a self-reflective writing or art piece that students will present to their advisories in the fall. In the [libguide](#), families will find this information, how to access ebooks from our Cannon library, and local library information.

Click [here](#) to link to meet your English teachers and Deans and hear about the required components.

Click [here](#) to link to the Summer Work document with grade level specifics for required and choice reading, relationship components specific to each grade level, and optional ideas for grammar, writing, and keyboarding.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. I look forward to seeing what your children choose to read for their choice reading and create to share with their advisories!

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Annalee Taylor