

2021 ECS Summer Reading

Hey Moms and Dads,

We made it to summer! While this school year has been a roller coaster, I'm so proud of how our teachers and students rose to the challenge. As someone who has friends that have had to teach online this past year, I'm so thankful to be at a school that was able to stay in-person. It truly is a great time to be an Eagle.

ECS is aware and sensitive to just how stressful this year has been on both parents and children. Therefore, while we are committed to challenging your students with rigorous reading throughout the school year, our summer reading books will be focused on titles that are fun and engaging for your child. We also want to make sure we are preventing our kids from falling prey to the summer slide. "Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, reading keeps the brain in shape. ... A University of Tennessee, Knoxville, research study shows that children who don't read over the summer lose at least two months of reading development. This is often referred to as 'the summer slide' or the 'summer learning loss.'"(Study.com)

The Summer Reading titles and assignments for your child's class are laid out in the attached '21 Summer Reading Assignment List. We love seeing our students hard at work, and cannot wait to be back with them in the classroom.

- Andy Gross
ECS English Department Chair

(Study.com) <https://study.com/blog/why-is-summer-reading-so-important-for-kids-success.html>

2021 English Department Summer Reading Assignments

6th:

Standard - [The Westing Game](#) by Ellen Raskin

(See attached 6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment)

7th:

Standard - [The Crossover](#) by Kwame Alexander

(See attached 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment)

Honors- [The Crossover](#) by Kwame Alexander

(See attached 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment)

[Among The Hidden \(Shadow Children Book #1\)](#) by Margaret Peterson

(See attached 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment)

8th:

Standard - [The Lost Hero](#) (Heroes of Olympus Book 1) by Rick Riordan

Chapter Summaries and 150 Word Essay

Honors - [The Mysterious Benedict Society](#) (Book 1) by Trenton Lee Stewart

Chapter Summaries and 300 Word Essay

[The Time Machine](#) by H. G. Wells

Chapter Summaries