



Newmark Education
Parent Alert

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2024 Newmark K-8 Summer Reading Program

Dear Newmark K-8 Parents,

During the summer break, we encourage our students to continue developing their reading skills by engaging with books that are both enjoyable and inspiring. This allows students to explore their individual interests and needs through exposure to quality literature.

This year, ALL students regardless of their participation in ESY, are *required* to choose at least one book from the provided K-8 reading list on our website by author Cynthia Lord:

- **Students who are attending ESY will have their book in advance, and it will be available in their classrooms on the first day of ESY.**
- **Students who are not attending ESY can purchase their own book from any preferred bookstore.**

Ms. Lord has crafted several well-loved children's books that often explore themes of friendship, acceptance and the challenges of growing up. Her debut novel, "Rules," published in 2006, received multiple awards, including a Newbery Honor and the Schneider Family Book Award.

We are also excited to announce that Ms. Lord will visit Newmark School on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, to conduct a workshop for all our K-8 students. In the first few weeks of the school year, students will have the assignment to write a letter to Ms. Lord, reflecting on their personal connection with the book they chose to read over the summer.

[2024 Newmark K-8 School Summer Reading - Cynthia Lord Book List](#)

***Please select books based on your child's grade for the 2024-25 ESY/School Year ("rising") and have your child bring the book on the first day of school, Thursday, September 5, 2024.** Your enthusiasm and encouragement will help make this summer reading an enjoyable experience. Please call if you have any questions or visit the school [website](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 908-753-0330. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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