

## Research on Summer Reading

Children who **DO NOT READ** in the summer can **lose two to three months** of reading skills.

Kids who **DO READ** tend to **gain a month** of reading proficiency.

# 2024 Summer ELA

## Entering 7th Grade

**Directions: Complete the July and August Reading assignments. The details for each assignment are attached.**

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### BOOK for JULY 2024 : Recommended Deadline: July 30

**Directions for July's Book:** Students should read a grade-appropriate book on Catholic saints. I recommend the Vision Saint Book Series by Ignatius Press. For this book, you are required to make a video entry on the class's Padlet: [Our Saints Book Club July 2024](#)

1. Start by looking carefully at my post for an example.
2. Put your first name and initial of your last name, the title of the book, and the author on the top line.
3. Upload a video attachment to your post reporting on your favorite saint.

**Directions: Video Content: (Check off that you did each item)**

The video must be 1½ - 2 minutes in length.	
Say your first name and the book's title and author in the first sentence of your video.	
• What is the name of the saint?	
• Where and when did they live?	
• What year s/he became a saint?	
• Why is this saint a role model for young adults?	
• Why does this saint in particular appeal to you?	

**Look at your classmates' entries.** Like or make positive comments on a few of them to let your classmates know you appreciate their posts.

## **BOOK for AUGUST 2024 : Recommended Deadline: August 30**

**Directions for August's Book:** Choose ONE of the novels listed below as your AUGUST reading book. For this book, you are required to answer the writing prompt on the next page.

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### ***Esperanza Rising.* Pam Munoz Ryan. (Drama readers, this is a great read!)**

- Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico, and that she would always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances; Mama's life - and her own - depend on it.

### ***Johnny Tremain.* (A fun, classic adventure of historical fiction!)**

- Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper *The Boston Observer* and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the central events of the American Revolution, from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington.

### ***Peak.* Roland Smith. (A thrilling, exciting adventure book).**

- After 14 year old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: sit around in juvenile detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs an overseas climbing company. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit—and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. It's also one that could cost him his life.

### ***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.* Jules Verne. (This has some challenging vocabulary)**

- Intrepid adventurer Professor Pierre Aronnax, his servant Conseil, and a whaler named Ned Land become trapped aboard a strange underwater vessel commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo.
- They encounter numerous wonders and horrors beneath the ocean's surface, including shipwrecks, giant squid, and the devastation of war as the protagonists struggle to escape their confinement and return to the surface.

### ***The Mystery of the Orient Express.* Agatha Christie. (Agatha Christie is considered the BEST mystery writer EVER! - It does have some challenging vocabulary)**

- Detective Hercule Poirot is traveling on an overnight journey on a train. Another passenger is killed during the night. Poirot is asked by the local police to help find the killer. After many interviews of fellow passengers, he, too, is puzzled: Who could have killed this man and so mysteriously disappeared into the night?

Writing Prompt for AUGUST 2024 Book: Recommended Deadline: August 30

Directions:

1. Use a piece of looseleaf paper.
2. You will handwrite this assignment - in cursive (if you know it).
3. Start by writing the St. Louis School heading, which looks like this:

Student's First and Last Name	Date
<i>Title &amp; Author of the Book</i>	

4. Skip a line below the heading, and write:

- The very first sentence of the story.
  - Skip a line, then:
- The very last sentence of the story.  
Skip a line, then:

1. Write a complete, well-developed paragraph that answers this question:

*After reading the entire story, look at just the first and last sentence of the story. Do you think these two sentences together create a good summary of the plot? Explain why or why not.*

- The paragraph should be 6-10 sentences long.
- Use details and examples from the novel to support your answer.
- Put the page number of each example at the end of the example in your paragraph.  
*For example: Sally was happiest when she was flying her kite in the park (45).*

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**In order to earn credit, summer reading work MUST be turned in by the end of the first week of school.**

Happy reading! Enjoy your summer!

