

## 2024-2025 Entering Grade 8 Summer Assignments

### French (with M. Kondratiev): Ongoing Reading (1+ Book)

Your summer homework is to read 10 to 20 minutes in French a day. You must complete at least one book. There will be a book-related project done during the first week of school related to this book.

**Links for free readings, free audible books, free magazines or videos to watch in French.**

[Audible books.](#)

[Free Books for Middle School](#)

[Free French books online](#) : They have free books for children from 0 to 12 years old. I recommend clicking on TAGS and choosing topics or types of books like “Bandes dessinées, romans, enquêtes...”

[Free Magazines 1](#) : ASTERIX

[Free Magazines 2](#) : 1JOUR1ACTU (articles and videos)

[Videos : C'est pas sorcier !](#)

### English (with Ms. Kemper): Ongoing Reading (1+ Book)

The first semester we will be studying the individual within the global community. So, students should choose at least ONE book to read from the list below. An assignment related to their choice book will be completed the first week of school. *Note: all books listed are Young Adult Books, but some do contain intense topics/scenes and should be chosen at the parent/guardian's discretion.*

**Obtaining the books:** Students will NOT have to have a copy with them at school so borrowing the book from the library is a good option. If you have a library card, you can get a digital copy from them and use Overdrive or Hoopla. ***These are my recommendations, but if you need to choose another grade level book, that is ok too!***

- [Night](#) by Elie Wiesel (Nonfiction) (Mature Content: Common Sense Media rates it age 13+) (We will read this book during the school year)
- [The Book Thief](#) by Markus Zusak
- [Girl in the Blue Coat](#) by Monica Hesse (RI Teen Book Award Nominee 2019)
- [The Diary of a Young Girl](#) by Anne Frank
- [The Boy in the Striped Pajamas](#) by John Boyne
- [They Called Us Enemy](#) by George Takei (Nonfiction)
- [Finding Miracles](#) by Julia Alvarez
- [My Year in the Middle](#) by Lila Quintero Weaver

- [Long Way Down](#) by Jason Reynolds (This book has mature content, but is rated age 12+ by Common Sense Media. If unsure about this book, this author has lots of other great books that are for a slightly younger audience too. )
- [Unbroken \(the Young Adult Adaptation\): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive](#) by Laura Hillenbrand (Mature Content: rated age 12+ by Common Sense Media)
- [Nowhere Boy](#) by Katherine Marsh
- [Count Me In](#) by Varsha Bajaj
- [Cross over](#) by Kwame Alexander
- [Goodbye Stranger](#) by Rebecca Stead (lots of other good books by this author too)

**Written Assignment:**

Will be assigned and completed during the first week of school.

## Math: One Ongoing Task

***The purpose of summer work is to prevent loss of learning.***

For Math this summer, please use your IXL account to practice any skills you'd like within the 6th and 7th grade sections. It can be topics we learned this year that you'd like to refresh or new topics you'd like to learn. You should complete at least 2.5 hours (180 minutes) total practice for the summer.

*Rationale for IXL math instead of a paper packet:*

- *Students can choose topics*
- *It shows you how to do it if you don't know*
- *It shows you how to do it if you get it wrong*
- *It can be done anywhere with internet access on any device (phone, tablet, laptop, etc.)*

*Parents who don't want their students online over the summer can request a paper packet by June 20th.*

During the first week of next school year, I will access the records in IXL and check that you practiced for 180 minutes.

If you have questions about this assignment, please email me at :[spaquette@fasri.org](mailto:spaquette@fasri.org). I will check my email periodically throughout the summer.