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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we approach the conclusion of the academic year, we recognize your efforts in planning your child's summer activities. To combat the educational regression commonly referred to as the "summer slide," we are implementing a summer assignment for all Mount Vernon City School District students.

## Summer 2024 Reading Assignment for Grades 5-8

Students will engage in a digital Reading Challenge accessible via Scholastic's Literacy Pro through the district's MVP portal. Each student will read a minimum of three books, with their progress tracked within the platform. Top readers will be eligible to win prizes! Additionally, students will complete associated activities detailed in the enclosed Summer Bucket List.

We anticipate that this initiative will not only mitigate the summer slide but also cultivate a lifelong appreciation for reading.

Please find attached the Summer Reading Challenge information. Happy reading!

Educationally yours,

Dr. K. Veronica Smith  
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Join our Fun with**

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**GUIDELINES!**

**All Mount Vernon Public School Students K-8 grades  
can participate by reading as much as they can!!**

**Students can read E-Books and Paper books**

**All reading will be tracked and monitored by  
*Scholastic Literacy Pro!!***

**PRIZES!**

**Top Overall Student with the most reading minutes**

***wins District Recognition, a Trophy, a Scholastic Clifford visit  
and other Prizes!!***

**Top School with most overall reading participation**

***wins a school celebration with Clifford, shout out on District Website***

**Top Reader within K-4 and 5-8**

**with the most reading minutes**

***wins District Recognition, a Trophy, a Scholastic Clifford visit and other Prizes!!***



- Visit the Mount Vernon City School District homepage ([mtvernoncsd.org](http://mtvernoncsd.org))
- Click on Student
- Click on Instructional Program Links
- Click on the Mount Vernon Portal (MVP)
- Click SSO
- Click on Scholastic Digital Manager
- Click on Literacy Pro



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**Literacy Pro®**

# Getting Familiar with Literacy Pro

Help your child log in to Literacy Pro using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. If you don't have a login yet, reach out to your child's teacher.



## Have your child log in to Literacy Pro.

- ☐ If your child is a first-time user, complete the **Student Interest Survey** together and set reading goals. We recommend 20 minutes a day, five days per week.



## Look at the "Explore" tab.

- ☐ Scroll down to see all the ebooks available based on your child's interests and grade level!
- ☐ Have your child select a few ebooks to read later by clicking on to add them to the "My Books" shelf.



## Look at the "My Books" tab.

- ☐ Select an ebook to read. Open it by clicking on the book cover and then selecting
- ☐ Now read a page or two together!
- ☐ Select a word to hear the pronunciation. (Make sure your volume is turned on!)
- ☐ Note the "Think More" button. This is where your child can test their comprehension after they complete the book.
- ☐ Close the book. The next time you open this book, it will begin right where you left off!



## Look at the "Search" tab.

- ☐ Search for a title by keyword or select an interest icon to get started.
- ☐ Click on "Filter" to see how you can refine your search even more.
- ☐ Note that you can add any title to your child's bookshelf ("My Books") by selecting on the title card.
- ☐ You will see only "ebooks" by default as ebooks can be read immediately. If you can take your child to the local library or bookstore to find print books, then you can switch the toggle to "ebooks and paperbacks" to see which print books come up!



## Look at the "Profile" tab.

- ☐ Note that your child can change their avatar and interests by selecting the pencil icon
- ☐ Note the goals section, where you can review your child's goals and adjust them together.
- ☐ Use the reading log to review which titles your child has read already.
- ☐ Select "Add to Log." This is where your child can add reading minutes from any print title that they've read. (eBook reading is automatically tracked.)
- ☐ Search for a book or make a selection from the books shown.
- ☐ You will see a place to rate and review the title. Your child can complete this section after they finish any text—digital or print!

# Helpful At-Home Tips

Check in on your child's reading journey! Some suggestions:

## Help your child select a new title to read,

- Select  to add it to their bookshelf.



### Go to "Search" to look for ...

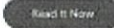

- specific ebook titles
- a book based on theme, interest, or another category



### Review your child's reading activity by looking at their profile and dashboard.

- Does your child want to change their avatar or update their interests?
- Is your child making progress toward their reading goals? Does your child want to change their goals?
- Has your child completed the book?
- If your child read a print title, did they add their reading minutes to Literacy Pro (i.e., log time)?
- If your child finished a book, ask, "What did you like about the book? Would you recommend this book to others? Why?" Encourage your child to rate the book and write a review. (Only the teacher will see the written reviews.)

## Read an ebook together.

- Select an ebook to read. Open it by clicking on the book cover and then selecting .
- Use the e-tools to highlight words and jot down reactions to the text.
- Click on a word to hear how it's pronounced.
- If the book has the Read-to-Me function (speaker icon), select  to hear a natural voice read the book.

## Read a print title together.

- Help your child add their reading minutes into Literacy Pro by using the  button.





# Summer Reading Bucket List

As you complete each task, record the details below!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Add at least **one more interest** in Literacy Pro to expand your book recommendations!

New interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Go to Literacy Pro Search and select the filters to search by interests. Choose a **new interest** and **add at least three ebooks** to your personal bookshelf by clicking the bookmark on each book cover. Find the books in My Books to read later!


Titles: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read one of the new books and complete a **Think More**. If you scored lower than 70%, retake the quiz. Don't forget—you can always go back into the book for evidence!


Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read a **biography**. Make a list of personality traits and actions that make this person special. Do they remind you of anyone in your life? 

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read a story or poem that takes place in the **summer**. Jot down the author's word choices that help create the **setting** and **mood**. 


Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read a **magazine** article and log the minutes in Literacy Pro. Did the text confirm or change your thinking about anything? Write about it in your review on Literacy Pro.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_


Go to your Reading Log in Literacy Pro. Choose any title and create **three hashtags** that best describe that text! 

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check on your goals in Literacy Pro. If you're comfortable with it, increase your **reading goals** to challenge yourself to read more.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read any **print title** from your school, library, or home. If it has a Think More in Literacy Pro, complete that quiz. If not, create your own question about the book and answer it. 

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Think about any **science** or **social studies** topic you learned about this year. Search for and read a text about it. Would you recommend it to your classmates? Explain why in your review on Literacy Pro.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the weather is good, **read-a-thon** outside. (You can also do this indoors or online.) How long can you read for in one stretch?

Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Find a new title by clicking the **Recommended** button on the Search page in Literacy Pro. Read it, rate it, and review it!

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Go to your Reading Log in Literacy Pro. Choose any fiction book and **extend the story**. Write what the next page would be! 


Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Go to your Literacy Pro **Profile**. (Click on the arrow next to "Goals.") In what month did you read the most during this school year?

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

## THINGS TO KNOW

-  You can answer the open-ended questions on the next page.
- You can manage your interests, goals, and Reading Log under the Profile tab in Literacy Pro.
- You can read ebooks online in the program, or you can read print titles offline and log minutes in Literacy Pro.



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After you complete the tasks on the previous page, use the spaces below to answer the open-ended questions.  
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