



Sayreville Middle School

Department of English Language Arts

Summer Reading Program for
Incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The goal of the Sayreville Middle School summer reading program is to encourage independent practice of reading skills and to foster a lifelong love of reading for our students. It is with this in mind that we present our program for 2025.

This summer, we ask that students read at least one new book of their own choice. As this is an opportunity for our students to grow as readers, they should select books that they have never read before and avoid titles that have been read already for school or on their own. Please work with your child to select a book that aligns with their interests and reading comfort level. To obtain copies of books, students may visit the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road (<https://sayrevillelibrary.org/>) or any other source for books or ebooks.

This year, the English department is pleased to partner with SMS's media specialist, Mrs. Dobrzynski, for our summer reading incentive program. As students read their selected books, they are invited to keep a record of their reading using the Bingo-style reading challenge board on the next page.

You will notice that the Bingo board includes raffle tickets. Students that complete two rows on the board will earn one ticket and students that complete the entire board will earn two tickets toward a drawing for prizes. We encourage students to read multiple books, and some options for different genres are included on the Bingo board. Students should turn in Bingo boards and raffle tickets to their 2025-2026 English teachers by **Friday, September 12, 2025**.

Suggested books in a variety of genres can be found on page 4 of this document. Please note that these titles are suggestions, and students may read any books that are appropriate for their grade levels and that align to their interests.

Rutgers University Athletics is offering one free football ticket (with purchase) to any student that fulfills their K-8 Rutgers Reading Pledge. Information can be found here: <https://app.scarletknights.com/RUReading>.

Questions about the summer reading program may be directed to Ms. Suzanne Capraro, Supervisor of ELA, at suzanne.capraro@sayrevillek12.net or (732) 525-5252 x8126. The English Language Arts department at SMS thanks you for your support of our program and wishes our families a summer filled with stories and rewarding reading experiences!

Summer Reading



Directions: Fill in the boxes based on your summer reading book. In September, you can submit your bingo card for a chance to win a raffle prize! You must have at least 2 bingo lines (diagonal, across, down) for 1 raffle ticket OR the entire board for 2 raffle tickets.

<p>Find and read an article that relates to your book- Article Name:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How does it relate?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Read your summer reading book in your pajamas.</p> <p>Take a selfie or have someone witness and sign this box!</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What is the Title and author of your summer reading book?</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author:</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Read your summer reading book outdoors!</p> <p>Take a selfie or have someone witness and sign this box!</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What is one question you would ask the author?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>List one song title that relates to your book- Why did you choose that title?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What is one quote or something important the main character said?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>My summer reading book reminds me of another book, movie or show. Fill in the title below and explain how-</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Read your book on a weekend :)</p> <p>Take a selfie or have someone witness and sign this box!</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Read a Graphic Novel, Manga or Comic Book!</p> <p>Write the title and author:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Re name the titles of 3 of the chapters.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Draw a small picture of anything related to your summer reading book!</p>
<p>Read a non-fiction or poetry book!</p> <p>Write the title and author below-</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Read your summer reading book with a friend.</p> <p>Take a selfie or have someone witness and sign this box!</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Rate your summer reading book- from 1-5 stars-</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>5 Stars - Loved it, will recommend</p> <p>4 Stars - Liked it a lot, may recommend</p> <p>3 Stars - Liked it, it's OK</p> <p>2 Stars - Meh</p> <p>1 Star - Didn't like it</p>	<p>If you created an audio version of your book who would narrate it and why?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Write Student ID # here:

WRITE YOUR SIX-DIGIT ID # ON BOTH RAFFLE TICKETS BEFORE YOU SUBMIT!

Write Student ID # here:

Name _____ Grade _____

Summer Reading Suggestions for Grades 6-8

These recently published titles are suggestions only. Students may read any books that are appropriate for their grade levels and that align to their interests.

Information about the books listed below can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.hbook.com/story/2025-summer-reading-middle-school>

<https://www.readbrightly.com/summer-books-for-tweens/>

Black Girl Power: 15 Stories Celebrating Black Girlhood edited by Leah Johnson

Bumps in the Night by Amalie Howard

Candle Island by Lauren Wolk

A Copycat Conundrum (The Misfits) by Lisa Yee

Creaky Acres: A Graphic Novel by Calista Brill and Nilah Magruder, illustrated by Nilah Magruder

The Dragon's Apprentice by James Riley

Encounter at Owl Rock by Rucker Moses

The Firelight Apprentice by Bree Paulsen

The Green Kingdom by Cornelia Funke and Tammi Hartung, illustrated by Melissa Castrillon

A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation by Pablo Cartaya

The Hero Twins and the Magic of Song [Tales of the Feathered Serpent] by David Bowles; illus. by Charlene Bowles

The Human Kaboom by Adam Rubin

Kareem Between by Shifa Saltagi Safadi

The Last Dragon on Mars [Dragonships] by Scott Reintgen

Max in the Land of Lies by Adam Gidwitz

The Mystery of Mystic Mountain by Janet Fox

The No-Brainer's Guide to Decomposition by Adrianna Cuevas

On a Wing and a Tear by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Quagmire Tiarello Couldn't Be Better by Mylisa Larsen

Quantum Interstellar Sports League #1 by J. Scott Savage, illustrated by Brandon Dorman

Ready or Not! #1 by Megan E. Bryant

Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Sea Swept by Leah Cypess

Speak Up, Santiago! by Julio Anta, illustrated by Gabi Mendez

Survive This Safari by Natalie D. Richards

Westfallen by Ann Brashares and Ben Brashares

Who Owns the Moon?: And Other Conundrums of Exploring and Using Space by Cynthia Levinson and Jennifer Swanson