

## **REQUIRED Language Arts Summer Work**

### **READING**

\*Students should always be reading a book during the summer. In addition to any books-of-choice, students are required to choose at least ONE book from the link of recommended reading. Students should expect to write/share about their choice upon returning to school. Click [HERE](#) to access the reading list.

### **WRITING**

\*Students are required to write either a 5-day journal or a 5-paragraph essay. The 5-day journal needs to highlight five consecutive days (preferably spent doing something noteworthy: family trip, camp, etc.) and each journal entry should be roughly 3/4 page (handwritten) in length. The 5-paragraph essay should focus on ONE aspect/experience of the summer in particular and should be roughly 2 hand-written, single-spaced pages in length. The writing must be brought to school on the first day, printed out and stapled together neatly. \*If you choose the 5-day journal, please DO NOT hand in a whole notebook; only hand in the journal pages.

### **LISTENING**

\*Students are required to listen to two podcasts from <https://www.weareteachers.com/best-podcasts-for-kids/>. After listening, write a short summary (at least half of one page typed) for each, detailing:

\*What the podcast is about

\*Why you chose it

\*Who is involved

\*Why it is relevant to YOU (the student)

\*Two interesting specific details or things you learned

\*Observations about the actual production of the podcast (background music/sound effects, narrator's voice/speaking style, etc.)