

2025-26 Middle School SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Summer Reading

This summer, our English teachers have selected a novel for each grade level to read. These novels will serve as the foundation for the first few weeks of English class and students should ensure that they have completed the reading before school starts!

Incoming Grade 6 Students

- [The Breadwinner](#) by Deborah Ellis

Incoming Grade 7 Students

- [I am Malala](#) (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai

Incoming Grade 8 Students

- [The Book Thief](#) by Markus Zusak

We recommend that students complete their summer reading later in the break, so the material is fresh in their minds when the school year begins. I also strongly encourage you to read the book alongside your child. Doing so offers several benefits: it creates opportunities for meaningful conversations, helps you support their reading pace, and allows you to better assess their comprehension and ability to think critically about the text.

Summer Math

To help students retain and strengthen their math skills over the summer, the Middle School math department requires students to engage with math work twice per week for 30 minutes per session. This consistent practice helps ensure that key concepts remain fresh and that students are well-prepared for the upcoming school year.

All middle school students will have access to summer readiness work through IXL, tailored to the course they are entering—whether it is Grade 6 Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2. Students can log into IXL via Clever using their devices. [This tutorial will walk you through the login process.](#) Each “Skill Plan” in IXL will focus on essential “marker” concepts carefully selected by the math department to support success in the fall. We have attached documents to this email for more information about parent access to monitor your child’s progress.

You can learn more about IXL, supporting your student and tracking their progress by reading the following documents:

- [IXL Summer Parent Handout](#)
- [IXL Smart Score Guide for Parents](#)
- [IXL Analytics Guide for Parents](#)

To support accountability and growth, both formative and summative assessments will be used at the start of the 2025–2026 school year. These will help inform our classroom instruction and allow us to meet students where they are.