



Newmark Education

Parent Alert

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2025 Newmark K-8 Summer Reading Program

Dear Newmark K-8 Parents,

As we head into summer break, we encourage all students to continue growing as readers by engaging with books that are both enjoyable and meaningful. Summer reading is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore personal interests through high-quality literature.

This year, ALL students, regardless of ESY participation, are *required* to read at least one book by author Sarah Weeks from the provided K-8 reading list below and available on our website.

- Students attending ESY will receive their selected books in advance, and these will be available in their classrooms on the first day of ESY.
- Students who are NOT attending ESY can purchase their own book from any preferred bookstore.

Sarah Weeks is an award-winning author of more than sixty books for young readers. Her work spans early readers, picture books, chapter books and novels. Her acclaimed young adult novel *So B. It* was a *New York Times* bestseller, earned the 2004 Parents' Choice Gold Award, and was adapted into a feature film starring Alfre Woodard and Talitha Bateman. Her books have sold over three million copies and have been translated into multiple languages.

We are excited to welcome **Ms. Weeks to Newmark School on Thursday, October 16, 2025**, where she will lead a special workshop for all K-8 students.

In the first few weeks of the school year, students will be assigned to write a letter to Ms. Weeks, reflecting on their personal connection with the book they chose to read over the summer.

2025 Newmark K-8 School Summer Reading - Sarah Weeks Book List

***Please make sure your child brings their summer reading book on the first day of school.** Your support and encouragement will help make this a rewarding and enjoyable experience. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us or visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Ms. Gina M. Borea

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