
Newmark K-8 Parent Alert - 2026 Summer Reading

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Parent Alert

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2026 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.

ALL students, regardless of ESY participation, are *required* to read at least one book by author Lisa Graff from the provided K-8 reading list 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.**

Lisa Graff is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of *Far Away*, *The Great Treehouse War*, *A Clatter of Jars*, *Lost in the Sun*, *Absolutely Almost*, *A Tangle of Knots*, *Double Dog Dare*, *Sophie Simon Solves Them All*, *The Life* and *The Thing About Georgie*. Lisa Graff's books have been named to more than seventy state award lists and have been touted as best books of the year by booksellers, teachers and librarians. *A Tangle of Knots* was long-listed for the National Book Award in 2013. Her latest novel released in 2026 is *A Scar Like a River*.

We are excited to welcome Ms. Graff to Newmark School on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**, where she will lead a special workshop for all K8 students.

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

[2026 Newmark K-8 School Summer Reading - Lisa Graff 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 your child is not returning for the 2026-27 school year, please disregard this message.***

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us or visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

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