

2026-2027 Summer Reading Assignment

Mother Seton School

Incoming Sixth Grade

Overview

The purpose of summer reading requirements is to support the continued development of vocabulary and reading strategies throughout the summer. (And - most importantly - to enjoy a couple of good books!)

Guidelines

- Summer reading is a required assignment.
- Students must read 2 books from their grade-level lists.
- Students should complete a writing activity for one book and a creative activity for the second book.
- The signed form documenting completion of summer reading can be turned into the Literature teacher on the first day back to school.
- If you have questions - my email is heather.nees@mothersetonschool.org

Please return this form to your Literature teacher on your first day back to school - stapled to your summer reading!

Name _____

Grade/Section _____

Please list the books you read to complete your summer reading assignment:

1. Book 1: _____

2. Book 2: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Fifth Grade Entering Sixth Grade

Dear Incoming Sixth Grader,

Welcome to your second year of middle school! To prepare for next year, you will read two (2) books over the summer. You should choose one book from List A and one book from List B!

For one of the books that you read, you are going to write a letter to the author about the book. The letter should be at least 2-3 paragraphs. The top of the page should be addressed to the author, and the letter should be signed by you. This letter should:

- a) Explain what you liked and disliked
- b) Ask a question about the story and characters
- c) Explain what you would have changed if you were the author
- d) Mention at least one thing you will always remember about the novel and why.
- e) *Optional* - Explain one way you can connect the story or characters to your own life.
- f) Be sure to write in complete sentences. Double check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation, and make sure your name is at the top. You may handwrite your letter neatly, or type and print it. These letters will be collected and graded when you return to school in the fall!

Creative Activity:

For the second book that you read, please complete the following creative activity. Pick 8 or more items as artifacts that would allow others to experience facts and ideas from the book. Put a piece of loose leaf paper in the bag with a list of the items and describe their significance to the story. Make sure your list is neatly done, then decorate the outside of the bag with the following information: the name of the book, author, illustrator, picture of the setting, and your name on the bottom of the bag.

Have a great summer and happy reading!

Book List A - Classics and Award Winning Books

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Holes by Louis Sachar

Book List B - Adventure and Fantasy Books

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty (*Series*)

The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein (*Series*)