



Required Summer Assignments for English Incoming 7th Grade Summer 2026

Incoming 7th-grade students are expected to complete the required summer assignments for English. All questions regarding book approval or projects should be asked prior to summer break. If you are an incoming 7th-grade student who is transferring to St. Anne School, you may email Ms. Franco at kfranco@st-anne.org if you have any questions.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: Look at the attached list of book titles and decide which ones interest you most. Then, [make a copy of the slides linked here](#). The slides contain the directions for grammar practice, two reading projects, and informational reading annotations you will complete this summer.

GRAMMAR REVIEW: Complete each page to review the foundations of learned grammar skills (capitalization and punctuation).

READING PROJECT ONE: Choose one book (either fiction or nonfiction) from the list provided. After reading the book, follow the directions on the slides and complete the novel study assignment.

READING PROJECT TWO: *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life... And Maybe the World* by Admiral William H. McRaven. This book can be purchased on [Amazon here](#). After reading this book, follow the directions on the slides, and complete the assignment.

INFORMATIONAL READING: Read and annotate the informational passage titled "The Teenage Brain" by Sarah Stickle. Use the annotation tools on the slides.

Be prepared to submit your assignments to your English teacher during the first week of school. Assignments created electronically may be submitted electronically. Assignments made by hand should be brought to your teacher. Directions for submitting the assignments will be given the first week of school.

English Summer Assignments Checklist:

- ☐ Complete the grammar worksheet and parts of speech review.
- ☐ Choose one book to read this summer and purchase *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...And Maybe the World* by Admiral William H. McRaven.
[Note: Use the list provided or email Mrs. Franco before Wednesday, June 10, 2026.](#)
- ☐ Complete reading projects for: (1) *Your book of choice* and (2) *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...And Maybe the World*.
[Note: Use the slides and follow the directions.](#)
- ☐ Read and annotate the informational passage using the annotations tools.

7th Grade Summer Reading Book List

Fiction – Recommended Titles

96 Miles, by J.L. Esplin

Allies by Alan Gratz

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough

City Spies by James Ponti

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez

Forget Me Not by Ellie Terry

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Gone to the Woods by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Holes by Louis Sachar

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

Love and Gelato by Jenna Evans Welch

Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart

Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

The Van Gogh Deception by Deron R. Hicks

A Whale of the Wild by Rosanne Parry

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare

A Wolf Call Wander by Rosanne Parry

Nonfiction – Recommended Titles

Accidental Archaeologies: True Stories of Unexpected Discoveries by Sarah Albee

Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics by Daniel James Brown

Hidden Figures: Young Reader's Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly

I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition by Mala Yousafzai

Rise Up by Amanda Li

Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars
by Gregory Zuckerman

Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America
by Gail Jarrow

A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in World War II by Elizabeth Wein

The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees by Don Brown

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sís

Don't see a book title you're interested in reading?

For questions about book approval, please email kfranco@st-anne.org

All book titles must be approved by Wednesday, June 10, 2026, or chosen from the list.