2026 Middle School
Tech-Free Summer Learning Assignment

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL OF NAPLES

This Packet Belongs to…

Q: Why do we require tech-free summer reading, writing, math, & science assignments at TVS?

A: Just as physical exercise keeps our bodies healthy and in shape, reading, responding to literature, and practicing core math and science content will keep our skills sharp and creates a lifelong love of books and learning! Research indicates that students with access to books and a curriculum that encourages independent reading and learning, along with support from encouraging adults, experience a gain in skills as opposed to a loss over the summer months. Therefore, ALL 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at TVS Middle School are required to complete the Summer Learning Assignment.

The Goals of Summer Learning at TVS:

1. To avoid the "summer slide"-- a term used to describe the loss of literacy skills experienced by students following the summer break.

2. To encourage independent reading at all levels and foster a love of literature and learning **without** the use of technology.

3. To reinforce skills like comprehension, making connections, summarizing, writing, and even the introduction of new core content! Students will turn in their Summer Learning assignments in the first week of school.

Questions and concerns regarding the Summer Learning Assignment can be directed to the Assistant Head of Middle School, Mrs. April Butler.

Grade-Level Book Lists; Variety is the spice of life!

Students may choose a book from the following list– curated from Sunshine State Readers' book list, classic novels, and several selections that extend the previous years' curriculum and introduce students to the new grade-level curriculum as well! Choosing the "right" book should be a family conversation– there are books from various genres and topics, so students can find a book that suits their interests and reading levels.

Students who choose to read multiple books should complete a one-pager for each and they will be entered into our **Summer Book Challenge** for a chance to earn rewards and win prizes! The One-Pager assignment can be accessed digitally on our school website if you need additional copies.

6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Complete this assignment as you read for ONE book from the approved book list.

Summer reading provides an opportunity to enhance your reading and writing skills and enjoy books that you've selected. To prepare for the new school year, you will be required to read at least <u>one book</u> over the summer, choosing from the list provided and completing the following assignment.

For your book assignment, you will...

❞ record at least <u>10 significant quotes</u>

☆ complete a <u>one-pager</u>

❝ Important Quotes Instructions & Example: ❞

Page	Direct Quote	Significance
58	"Better to be hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie."	In this quote, Baba comments about the jealously many Afghanis feel when their country is not perceived as a world power. The passage reveals not only Baba's character as a realist, but a universal truth: that those who allow themselves to be pacified by lies end up hurt and disillusioned.

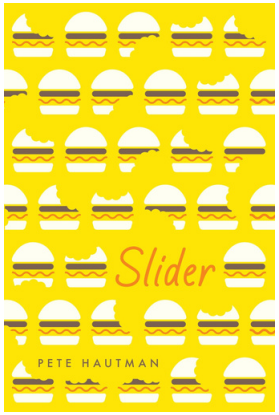
*From **The Kite Runner**,* Khaled Hosseini

Each entry should include a quote, the page number on which it is found, and a two-to-three sentence analysis of why the quote is significant. For example, the quote might capture a key moment within the plot, reveal the personality of a major character, or include well-crafted figurative language or important symbolism. Or the passage may inspire thought, draw an emotional connection, or have a personal connection to your own life. Whatever the reason, explain why the quote matters and/or your reason for selecting it. The quotations should be kept in the order in which they appear in the book. Be sure to include page numbers for all evidence that you collect. Your evidence should be thoughtful and thorough, as you will write an essay after completing your reading, using your recordings to help support your claims.

2025 6th Grade Summer Book List

Slider
by Pete Hautman

David can eat an entire sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza in four minutes and thirty-six seconds. Not bad. But he knows he can do better. In fact, he'll have to do better: he's going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest. As if training to be a competitive eater weren't enough, he's also got to keep an eye on his little brother, Mal (who, if the family believed in labels, would be labeled autistic, but they don't, so they just label him Mal). A rich narrative shot through with equal parts humor and tenderness, and the result is a middle-grade novel too delicious to put down.



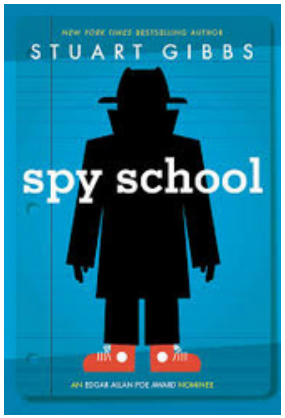


The Boy Who Spoke Dog
by Clay Morgan

When Jack washes up on a mysterious island after a deadly storm, there's no one to help him, except for the dogs. The sheepdogs on the island have eyes that speak right to Jack's heart, especially one dog—Moxie. But when angry beasts called Fangos threaten to destroy the island, Jack and his companions must fight to save it. Once the battle ends, Jack is changed. Will he ever be the same again? Told from Jack's and Moxie's points of view, this adventure reveals how loyalty between boy and dog becomes a means for survival and hope.

Spy School
by Stuart Gibbs

Can an undercover nerd become a superstar agent? Ben Ripley sure hopes so, and his life may depend on it. He may only be in middle school, but he's already pegged his dream job: C.I.A. or nothing! Unfortunately, Ben is so nerdy and awkward that he can barely get to school and back without a mishap. Then he is recruited for a magnet school with a focus on science that's actually a front for a junior C.I.A. academy. Could the C.I.A. really want him? Unfortunately, it's a case of mistaken identity. After a series of hilarious misadventures, Ben realizes he might actually be a halfway decent spy if he can survive all the attempts being made on his life!





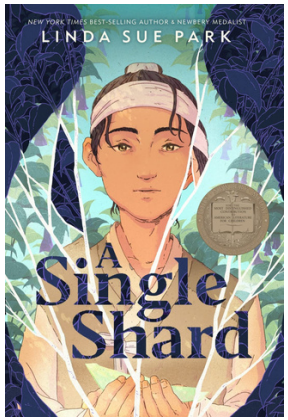
Black Beauty
by Anna Sewell

A timeless classic!
Black Beauty spends his youth in a loving home, surrounded by friends and cared for by his owners. But when circumstances change, he learns that not all humans are so kind. Passed from hand to hand, Black Beauty witnesses love and cruelty, wealth and poverty, friendship and hardship . . . Will the handsome horse ever find a happy and lasting home?

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A Single Shard
by Linda Sue Park

Tree-ear, an orphan, lives under a bridge in Ch'ulp'o, a potters' village famed for delicate celadon ware. He has become fascinated with the potter's craft; he wants nothing more than to watch master potter Min at work, and he dreams of making a pot of his own someday. When Min takes Tree-ear on as his helper, Tree-ear is elated–until he finds obstacles in his path. But Tree-ear is determined to prove himself–even if it means taking a long, solitary journey on foot to present Min's work in the hope of a royal commission, even if it means arriving at the royal court with nothing to show but a single celadon shard.



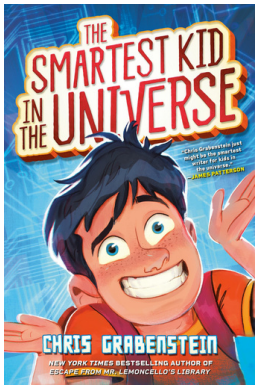
Invisible: a Graphic Novel
by Christina Diaz Gonzalez; Gabriela Epstein

Can five overlooked kids make one big difference? There's George: the brain Sara: the loner Dayara: the tough kid Nico: the rich kid And Miguel: the athlete And they're stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours. Although they're sure they have nothing in common with one another, some people see them as all the same . . . just five Spanish-speaking kids. Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help . . . or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.



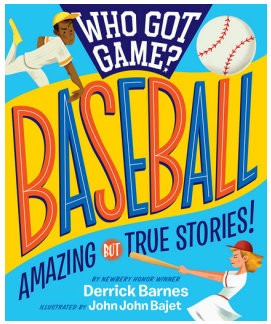
The Smartest Kid in the Universe
by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Jake's middle school is about to be shut down--unless Jake and his friends can figure out how to save it. When Jake spies a bowl of jellybeans at the hotel where his mom works, he eats them. But those weren't just jellybeans, one of the scientists at his mom's conference is developing the world's first ingestible information pills. And THAT'S what Jake ate. Before long, Jake is the smartest kid in the universe. But the pills haven't been tested yet. And when word gets out about this new genius, people want him. The government. The mega-corporations. Not all of them are good people! Can Jake navigate the ins and outs of geniusdom and save his school?



Who Got Game?: Baseball
by Derrick Barnes & John John Bajet

Meet unsung pioneers, like John "Bud" Fowler, William Edward White, and brothers Moses Fleetwood Walker and Weld Walker, four African Americans who integrated white teams decades before Jackie Robinson. Discover unforgettable moments, like the time a 17-year-old girl named Jackie Mitchell struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Marvel at records. Did you know that Japanese superstar Sadaharu Oh has a whopping 113 more career homers than Hank Aaron? This lively illustrated collection of shiny nuggets of baseball lore will transform you into a superfan who knows the game better than anyone else.



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Scout Is Not a Band Kid
by Jade Armstrong

A young girl in middle school will do whatever it takes to meet her favorite author-even if it means joining her school band! A contemporary graphic novel about making your dream come true-and the friends you make along the way. When Scout learns that her favorite author is doing an exclusive autograph session at the end of the year, she's determined to be there! She officially needs a plan...and when she finds out that her school's band is heading to the same location for their annual trip, an idea takes shape. As it turns out, learning how to play an instrument when you can't even read music is much, much, MUCH tougher than expected.



Brick Dust and Bones
by M.R Fournet

Marius Grey hunts Monsters. He's not supposed to. He's twelve and his job as a Cemetery Boy is to look after the ghosts in his family's graveyard. He should be tending these ghosts and–of course–going to school to learn how to live between worlds without getting into trouble. But, Marius has an expensive goal. He wants to bring his mother back from the dead, and that takes a LOT of mystic coins, which means a LOT of Monster Hunting, and his mother's window to return is closing. If he wants her back, Marius is going to have to go after bigger and meaner monsters. Can Marius navigate New Orleans's gritty monster bounty-hunting market, or will he have to say goodbye to his mother forever?



The Hoop Con (Play the Game)
by Amar Shah

Raam Patel is eager to prove himself ever since he didn't make the middle school's basketball team. So, when Hoop Con comes to town he is determined to be there and take his shot. His big moment proves to be unforgettable... but not in the way he'd hoped. Raam gets schooled by the camp's golden boy right in front of his NBA idol. To make matters even worse, this fail goes viral. Raam is used to being the underdog, but becoming the newest meme might be something even he can't overcome alone. He skips town in an effort to lay low and take a break from basketball. However, he's met with new courts, fresh kicks, and tough new competition, changing his whole outlook on the game. Raam has the skills, but now it's time to unlock the mental game.



Skyriders
by Polly Holyoke

Twelve-year-old Kiesandra's best friend is her winged horse, N'Rah. She, like every other person with a skysteed, can communicate with N'Rah through her mind. Their bond is critical when one day, monsters from long ago reemerge to ravage a nearby village. No one knows how to fight the fearsome chimerae except Kie's uncle . . . and now Kie. Injured in the battle, Uncle Dug makes her promise to bring his attack plan and weapons to the capital. Kie reluctantly agrees. At the palace, she and N'Rah attempt to gain the trust of the royals and train the army in Dug's lessons. But how can a young girl and her skysteed convince anyone that only they know how to defeat the deadly monsters?



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Summer Book Challenge One-Pager



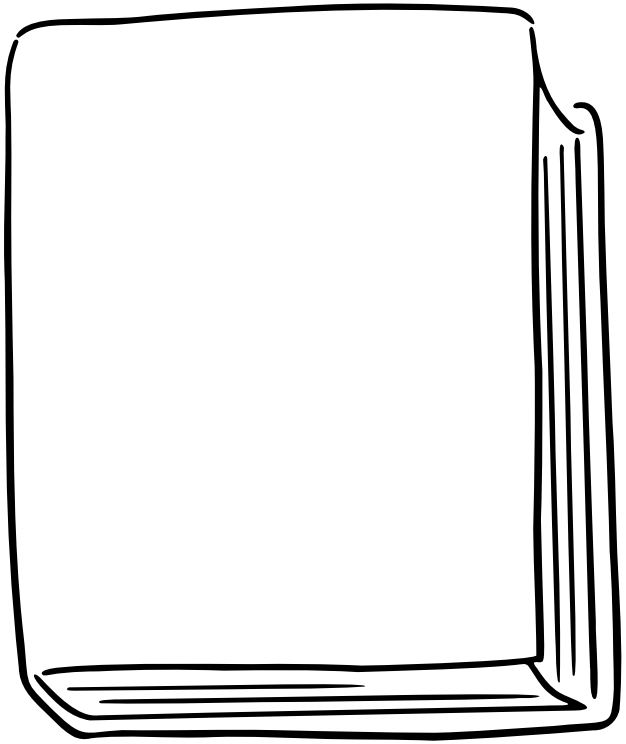
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Review-- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

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