



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA SUMMER PREP GUIDE



RISING 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Use your summer to explore great books, build your vocabulary, and get excited about what's ahead in ELA!

RISING 6TH GRADE

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF

by Rick Riordan



EXPLORE:

- Greek mythology
- Gods, heroes, and monsters
- What makes a hero?

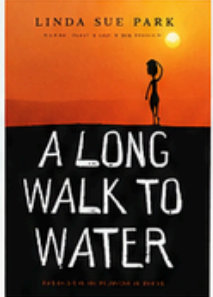
WATCH:

- Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Disney+)
- Greek mythology documentaries
- Ancient Greece documentaries

RISING 7TH GRADE

A LONG WALK TO WATER

by Linda Sue Park



EXPLORE:

- Sudan and South Sudan
- Clean water access
- Perseverance and resilience

WATCH:

- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Netflix)
- National Geographic documentaries about Africa
- UNICEF and charity: water videos about global water issues

RISING 8TH GRADE

SUMMER OF THE MARIPOSAS

by Guadalupe García McCall



EXPLORE:

- Mexican and Mexican-American culture
- Folklore and family traditions
- Identity, courage, and family

WATCH:

- Coco (Disney+)
- The Book of Life
- PBS and National Geographic programs about Mexican culture and traditions

KEEP YOUR READING SKILLS SHARP THIS SUMMER!

READ EVERY DAY!

Read a variety of texts:

- Books
- Blogs
- News articles
- Sports articles
- Magazines
- Comics & graphic novels

TURN ON CAPTIONS!

Watching TV, movies, YouTube, or streaming with captions helps you:

- ✓ Improve reading fluency
- ✓ Strengthen comprehension
- ✓ Build vocabulary
- ✓ Connect spoken and written language

READ COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS!

Comics are powerful reading tools that help you:

- ✓ Practice figurative language
- ✓ Analyze characters and themes
- ✓ Understand symbolism
- ✓ Expand vocabulary through context clues

GREAT WAY TO READ!

BUILD VOCABULARY EVERYWHERE!

Every text you read helps you learn new words—including books, articles, blogs, comics, and TV captions!

Challenge Yourself:
Learn one new word each day and use it in a sentence.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Read, Log, and Earn!

All students who read and record **600 minutes** of reading between **JUNE 11** and **AUGUST 23** will earn a ticket to **KERSEY VALLEY** to use for the **CORN MAZE** or **FAMILY CHRISTMAS** attractions in the fall!


HOW TO PARTICIPATE:



READING MINUTES MUST BE LOGGED IN BEANSTACK FOR STUDENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIZE.
Students who cannot electronically record their reading minutes during the summer may enter their minutes into Beanstack when they return to school.

ACCESSING BEANSTACK

Students can access Beanstack through **CLEVER** or via the district's **Beanstack Landing Page.**



SCAN ME!

BORROW A BOOK

Come check out a **SUMMER READING BOOK** today!
GIVE US A CALL AT 336-375-2525 TO COME AND PICK UP A COPY.