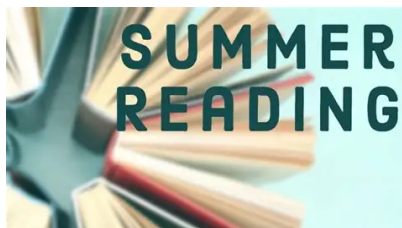


7th grade ~~ELA~~ Summer Skills 2026-27

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While summer is a great time for relaxing, refueling, and having fun...it's also a great time to



curl up with a good book or take some time writing about whatever it is you want to write about. Research continues to affirm that the best way to prevent “summer slide” is by continuing to read (and write) over the summer. Because we want your child to enter 7th grade in the fall ready for a

successful school year, we are assigning some summer reading to be completed. There is also a highly recommended, but optional, journal writing component to this summer's recommendations.

Reading Choices:

Seventh graders will choose from the following for summer reading this year:

1. [*Ghost*](#) by Jason Reynolds (Like this one? It's the first of a series!)
2. [*The War That Saved My Life*](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (The sequel is great, too!)
3. [*Greetings From Witness Protection*](#) by Jake Burt

Students should read or listen to the audiobook of one (or all!) of the books and be prepared to complete an in class project the second week of school (beginning 8/31).

Optional (but highly encouraged) Journal Writing:



Grab a journal or notebook this summer and spend some time writing about whatever it is you want to write about! (***No digital journals-pen and paper only***). Write about your day, what you are reading about, a new subject you are interested in...the sky is the limit! On the first day of school (August 24th) bring your journal to class. Students who complete **at least 15 entries** (just a little over one

entry per week!) that are **at least 10 sentences** in length each will receive **4 bonus assessment points** to start the year off! (Talk about starting the year off on the right foot!)