

SUMMER 2026



Reading



W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reading over the summer isn't just about keeping your skills sharp...it's about discovering who you are as a reader.

Summer reading is your chance to dive into stories you actually want to read, to pick up a book whenever and wherever feels right, and to build a reading habit that lasts a lifetime.

This summer, we're inviting you to take control of your reading journey. Choose books that excite you. Read at your own pace. Let your curiosity lead the way. When you come back to school in the fall, you'll bring back more than just completed pages. You'll bring fresh perspectives, new ideas, and real stories to share with others.



LET'S GET READY!

Summer reading for students will begin Monday, June 8 and will end Wednesday, September 30th with a culminating project in their upcoming ELA class.

Students will:

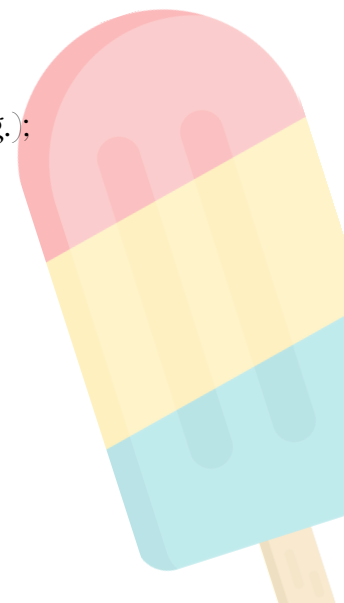
- read at least three books throughout the summer;
- complete an in-class project on their grade level's selected book (see next pg.);
- begin project on September 1st and submit it by September 30th.

Teachers will:

- give students project options;
- give students a scoring rubric to guide successful completion of project;
- score projects and return to students for final grade or redo opportunity.

Parents will:

- discuss the book your child is reading before, during, and after;
- set reading times of 25 to 30 minutes each day in a special and quiet place;
- reward your child when each book is completed.



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REMEMBER!

**ALL STUDENTS RECEIVED 5 SCHOLASTIC BOOKS PROVIDED BY RICHLAND ONE.
READING ANY OF THESE BOOKS MAY BE USED TO EARN EXTRA CREDIT IN YOUR
ELA CLASS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!!!**

**REMEMBER TO KEEP TRACK EACH DAY ON THE ATTACHED READING LOG!!!
KEEP READING!**

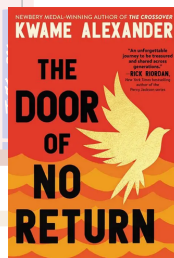
What's To Come in Fall 2026?

W.A. Perry's Summer Reading Project book selection. You will begin reading these titles in August during your ELA class.



*Reading just a few minutes each day
helps prevent the "summer slide"
and ensures your child is ready to
jump into next year with confidence.
Enjoy the adventures that await in
the pages of a good book!*

6th



7th



8th



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Reading Log



2025-2026 SOUTH CAROLINA JUNIOR BOOK AWARD NOMINEES

102 Days of Lying About Lauren by Maura Jortner – A middle schooler pretends to be a 16-year-old amusement park worker to survive after her mother's disappearance.

Clementine by Ann Hood – A sarcastic, grief-stricken teen navigates a new school and her sister's death, feeling trapped between two worlds.

Curlfriends: New In Town by Sharee Miller – A shy military family member finds a place to be herself through a group of Black girls at her new school.

Eb & Flow by Kelly J. Baptist – Two best friends, Ebony and De'Kari, clash after a cafeteria fight but must work together to avoid suspension.

The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh – A young girl's life changes when a mysterious fog threatens her sister.

Lasagna Means I Love You by Kate O'Shaughnessy – A heartfelt story about love, family, and finding your place.

Freedom by Rhonda Roumani – A young girl's journey toward independence and self-discovery.

The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn by Sally J. Pla – A young girl's determination to protect her community from a dangerous situation.

Remember Us by Jacqueline Woodson – A poignant story about memory, loss, and the people we leave behind.

Louder Than Hunger by John Schu – A middle schooler's quest to find her missing brother.

Land of Broken Promises by Jane Kuo – A young girl's search for truth and justice in a world of deception.

Half-Moon Summer by Elaine Vickers – A coming-of-age story set in a small coastal town Lexington.

The Astronaut's Guide to Leaving the Planet by Terry Virts – A humorous and heartfelt space adventure.

Something Like Home by Andrea Beatriz Arango – A young girl's journey to find belonging.

Ruptured by Joanne Rossmassler Fritz – A story about resilience and finding strength in adversity.

A bright yellow sun with a smiling face and a pair of dark sunglasses. It has several yellow rays emanating from it, set against a solid red background.

KEEP A LOG OF ALL THE BOOKS THAT YOU READ OVER THE SUMMER. YOUR NEW ELA TEACHER WILL REWARD YOU WITH EXTRA CREDIT IF YOU RECORD THAT YOU HAVE READ AT LEAST 3 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS!

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED.

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