

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to summer with a sense of possibilities - upcoming vacations, reconnecting with friends and more free time to relax. It also provides us with exciting reading opportunities. Reading over the summer is incredibly important for students and their academic achievement. Throughout the school year, students work on building a reading life, and the primary purpose for summer reading is for students to maintain their reading life during the summer months. Research findings show that students need to read during the summer to sustain their independent reading levels, retain what they have acquired during the school year, and enhance their reading skills. Numerous studies indicate that students who do not read or read infrequently during the summer months see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. The goal of our summer reading assignment is to encourage the valuable habit of reading through books that will spark curiosity, humor, and interests which will keep your child reading.

Your Summer Assignment

1. All incoming **Grade 6** students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School are encouraged to read a **book of their choice** for **extra credit** in September.
2. For students who choose to read a book, **an assignment will be provided to you by your 6th grade Language Arts teacher.**

How You Will Be Graded for Extra Points

1. The Summer Reading assignment will be due at the end of September.
2. The assignment will count as **extra points** towards the first marking period grade.

The intent of this assignment is to provide students the opportunity to relax and read a novel that they will enjoy and appreciate a love for literature. Please encourage your child to read a book of their choice and with your support, our language arts staff can start off the new school year in September on a positive note.



Have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Grade 6 Language Arts Teachers