

JMS Summer Reading 2017

Rising Sixth Grade

Read one or more books this summer. If you need help selecting a book, see the book suggestions on the back of this form.

Then, write a letter to your HOMEROOM teacher telling her/him all of the books you read this summer. On the back of the letter choose one of the books you read and draw a favorite scene. These will be displayed, so do your best. Your letter must be submitted to your homeroom teacher within the first three days of school. All students who submit a letter and illustration will receive a reward.

Rising Seventh and Rising Eighth Grade

Read one or more books this summer. See the recommended book list if you need suggestions for a good book. Then, complete one of the following activities and bring it with you to school in August.

Options:

- What if one of the characters had a twitter, snapchat, or instagram? Create a page, post, or story that the character might post. (Create this on paper or on a google document.)
- Record a video or write an essay in which you review the book. Did you like it? Why or why? Would you recommend it? You can even post your review on a website like www.teenink.com.
- Record a 2-3 minute book talk where you give a brief summary and the strengths and weaknesses of the book.
- Discuss the book with a friend or parent and make a video of your conversation.
- Rewrite a scene from a different character's point of view. Be sure to include dialogue and description.
- Create a comic strip that retells the main elements of the plot. You may use a computer generated comic strip or draw one of your own.
- Hate the ending? Rewrite it or finish it so that you are satisfied with the ending.
- Interested in a historical topic or character from your book? Do some research about the topic and record your findings. You could make a slideshow, video, timeline, outline, or essay.
- Draw the plot diagram and identify the major events from the story.
- Write a one page summary of the book.

Your completed activity must be submitted within the first three days of school and show evidence that you read the book. This will be your admission ticket to a pizza party!



Need Reading Support?

Free access to thousands of digitally enhanced books this summer! Use text, audio, and reading support tools to help students increase their summer reading.

1. Go to school website <http://jms.jeffcityschools.org/>
2. Click on the "Get Georgia Reading" icon
3. Log in with the following:

School Name: Get Georgia Reading, GA Campaign for Grade Level Reading

User Name: jacksoncounty

Password: read

For more information on MyOwn reading: <https://vimeo.com/89640131>

See the JMS Website for the link to the Jefferson Public Library's Summer Reading Program!

Sixth Grade Book & Author Suggestions		
Recommended Titles	Recommended Authors	
<p>The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick</p> <p>All the Lovely Bad Ones by Mary Downing Hahn</p> <p>Wonder by R.J. Palacio</p> <p>Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jaqueline Kelly</p> <p>When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead</p> <p>My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian</p> <p>The One and Only Ivan or Flora & Ulysses by Katherine Applegate</p> <p>One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia</p> <p>Savvy by Ingrid Law</p> <p>Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen</p> <p>Unstoppable by Tim Green</p>	<p>Avi</p> <p>Caroline Cooney</p> <p>Sharon Creech</p> <p>Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p>Jack Gantos</p> <p>Jean Craighead George</p> <p>Margaret Peterson Haddix</p> <p>Mary Downing Hahn</p> <p>Will Hobbs</p> <p>Madeleine L'Engle</p> <p>Lois Lowry</p>	<p>Walter Dean Myers</p> <p>Scott O'Dell</p> <p>Gary Paulsen</p> <p>Richard Peck</p> <p>Louis Sachar</p> <p>Roland Smith</p> <p>Elizabeth George</p> <p>Speare</p> <p>Jerry Spinelli</p> <p>Mildred Taylor</p> <p>JRR Tolkien</p> <p>Paul Zindel</p>

Seventh Grade Book & Author Suggestions	
Recommended Titles	Recommended Series
<p>Hidden by Helen Frost</p> <p>Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick</p> <p>Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper</p> <p>The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd</p> <p>A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen</p> <p>Ungifted by Gordan Korman</p> <p>Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang</p> <p>I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai and Patrick McCormick</p>	<p>We also recommend books in these series:</p> <p>Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix</p> <p>SYLO by DJ MacHale</p> <p>A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle</p>

Eighth Grade Book & Author Suggestions	
<p>If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period by Gennifer Choldenko.</p> <p>Search for Safety by John Langan</p> <p>The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman</p> <p>Dweeb: Burgers, Beasts, and Brainwashed Bullies by Aaron Starmer.</p> <p>Listen by Stephanie Tolan.</p> <p>The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley</p> <p>Stotan by Chris Crutcher</p> <p>Gimme a Call by Sarah Mlynowski</p> <p>The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr by Judith St. George</p> <p>Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson</p> <p>Washington at Valley Forge by Russell Freedman</p>	<p>We also recommend books by these authors:</p> <p>Anderson, Laurie Halse</p> <p>Asher, Jay</p> <p>Cooney, Caroline</p> <p>Dessen, Sarah</p> <p>Deuker, Carl</p> <p>Duncan, Lois</p> <p>Green, John</p> <p>Myers, Walter Dean</p> <p>We also recommend books in these series:</p> <p>Card, Orson Scott (Ender's Game Series)</p> <p>Cass, Kierra (Selection Series)</p> <p>Condie, Ally (Matched Series)</p> <p>Dashner, James (The Maze Runner or Eye of Minds Series)</p> <p>Jacques, Brian (Redwall series)</p>