

PLEASE NOTE-This summer assignment does not apply to students who may be retained, nor does it guarantee that your student will be promoted to the next grade. Retention letters will be mailed home to families with the last report card.



Summer Learning 2017 – For Rising 7th Graders

Dear Family of «First» «Last»,

At Freire, we believe that summer learning is very important to your students' futures. It helps to keep their academic skills sharp over the summer and it sets them up on the path for success for the upcoming school year. *This packet contains two required assignments that your student must complete upon returning to school next school year.* These two assignments will be the first grades your child receives in Quarter 1 of their 7th grade year.

Assignment 1: English Language Arts-Summer Reading Book Reviews

Your student's summer reading assignment is choice-based. Our records show that your student is a «Level» reader. As a «Level» reader, «First» is required to read «Number_of_books» books this summer and complete the enclosed book review assignment for each one. We also encourage students to read more books than the required amount!

- In this packet, you will find a “Leveled Book List” which provides a list of books on each reading level that we feel your child might enjoy. We want your child reading books over the summer on their appropriate reading level—this is the best way to make them stronger readers. Additionally, Mr. Sam (7th Grade ELA teacher) created a “Teacher Recommendation Reading List”. However, these are only lists of options; if there is another book your child is interested in and it is on their level, we absolutely encourage them to read it! The “Leveled Book List” also explains ways of determining a book's reading level, how to obtain a library card for your child, and a way to contact someone at FCMS throughout the summer in case you have questions about the ELA assignment.
- In this packet are also 2 copies of the “Book Review Assignment” that your student needs to complete for each of the books that they read.

Assignment 2: Math-Summer Task

Your student's summer math assignment asks you to solve a complex problem in 3 ways: with numbers, with words, and with pictures. It will help students practice their problem-solving skills, as well as keep their math skills fresh over the summer.

- In this packet, the math problem is enclosed.
 - First, read the problem. Think about it, and plan how you will solve it.
 - Next, use the enclosed pages to solve the problem with numbers, then with words, and lastly with a drawing.
 - Finally, write one paragraph reflecting on your thinking on the lines titled “My Thinking While Solving This Problem”.
- This problem will be graded by your math teacher on the first week of school.

In addition to solving this complex problem, don't forget to keep practicing your fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. These will be very important for your success next school year.

We thank you for your continued partnership. Please reach out to any of us if you have concerns or questions about the assignment. Enjoy your summers!

Signed,

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Head of School

Mr. Sam
7th Grade ELA

Ms. Molly
7th Grade Math

Ms. Gretchen
7th Grade Math

Ms. Erin
7th Grade Student Services

Teacher Recommendation Reading List

Freire Reading List

7th Grade Addendum

American Library Association Recommendations

1. Green, John. The Fault in Our Stars
2. Meyer, Marissa. Cinder
3. Cashore, Kristin. Bitterblue
4. Wein, Elizabeth. Code Name Verity
5. Roth, Veronica. Insurgent
6. Lu, Marie. Legend
7. Hartman, Rachel. Seraphina
8. Clare, Cassandra. Clockwork Prince
9. Oliver, Lauren. Pandemonium
10. Vivian, Siobhan. The List

Nonfiction

1. Rosenthal, Bert. Basketball
2. Joseph, Paul. Basketball
3. Swanson, James. Chasing Lincoln's Killer
4. Klingel, Cynthia. Football
5. Joseph, Paul. Football
6. Wiesel, Elie. Night (adult content concerning World War II)
7. Yousatzai, Malala. I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition
8. Lece, Bell. El Deafo

Classroom Favorites

1. Booth, Coe. Tyrell
2. Booth, Coe. Kendra
3. Draper, Sharon. Forged By Fire
4. Draper, Sharon. Tears of a Tiger
5. Draper, Sharon. Darkness Before Dawn
6. Flake, Sharon. The Skin I'm In
7. Flake, Sharon. Money Hungry
8. Myers, Walter Dean. Monster
9. Myers, Walter Dean. Autobiography of My Dead Brother
10. Myers, Walter Dean. Slam!



Leveled Book List

The following books are listed from easy to difficult by reading levels and can be found at www.amazon.com or Barnes and Noble. Many of these authors have other books as well that may not be on this list. Books that are “just right” for your child will be the ones on their level. If you don’t know your child’s level, you can use the five finger rule where a child opens to the center of the book and reads aloud that page. If they struggle with the meaning or pronunciation with five or more words then you should move down a level. They should continue this five finger rule until they read a page from a book with confidence. Remember; don’t restrict your child’s reading material to only books. Provide the chance to read other types of materials (magazines, comics, newspapers, atlases, recipes, game instructions, etc.). This will allow them to discover several reading materials of interest.

For more books, check out these resources:

- <http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/guided-reading-levels.html> where you can purchase new or used books
- <https://www.getepic.com/> (free website with free books on the computer)
- Take your list to your local Free Library where you can get a Philadelphia Free Library card. Your child can receive a free library card by showing one of the following: report card, working papers, school roster, school ID, or in-person parental identification.
- If you have questions or concerns about Summer Reading, please call the school and speak with Ms. Mindy: 267-670-7499 ext. 2912 or Ms. J: 267-670-7499 ext. 2913

Level J

Bear Shadow by Frank Asch
Camp Big Paw by Doug Cushman
Curious George and the Ice Cream by Margaret Rey
Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Don't Eat Too Much Turkey by Miriam Cohen
The Fox Series by Edward Marshall
Froggy Learns to Swim by Jonathan London
Funny Bones by Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Ghosts! By Alvin Schwartz

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
The Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant
Mr Putter and Tabby Book Series by Cynthia Rylant
Jimmy Lee Did It by Pat Cummings
Little Bear Books by Else H. Minarik
The Teeny Tiny Woman by Barbara Seuling
There's an Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer

Level K

Alison's Puppy by Marion Dane Bauer
A Baby Sister for Frances by Lillian Hoban
Baseball Ballerina by Cathryn Cristaldi
The Best Way to Play by Bill Cosby
Bony-Legs by Joanna Cole
The Camp Knock Knock Mystery by Ann Douglas
The Case of the Cat's Meow by Crosby Bonsall
Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
The Commander Toad Series by Jane Yolen

Four on the Shore Three by the Sea by Edward Marshall
Ibis: A True Whale Story by John Himmelman
If you Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
The Magic Box by Barbara Brenner
Molly the Brave and Me by Jane O'Connor
The Nate the Great Series by Weinman M Sharmat
Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathman

Soccer Cousins by Jean Marzollo
Space Rock by Jon Buller

Level L

The Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
Animal Tracks by Arthur Dorros
The Cam Jansen Series by David Adler
The Case of the Cool-Itch Kid by Patricia Reilly Giff

Level M

The Arthur Series by Marc Brown
Beast and the Halloween Horror by Patricia Reilly Giff
Baseball Pals by Matt Christopher
The June B Jones Series by Barbara Park

Level N

The Amber Brown Series by Paula Danziger
The Cloud Book by Tomie DePaola
The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl
Julian, Dream Doctor by Ann Cameron

Level O

Bugs by N Parker and R Wright
Chocolate Fever by Robert Smith
Class Clown by Johanna Hurwitz
I Wonder Why the Snakes Shed Their Skins by Amanda O'Neill

Level P

Dolphin Adventure by Wayne Grover
Dragon Quest by Jackie French Koller
The Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald and Rose Sobol
The Magic School Bus Series by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen

Level Q

The Anatasia Book Series by Lois Lowry
Bunnicula by James Howe
The American Girls Book Series
Finding the Titanic by Robert D Ballard
The Little House on the Prairie Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Outside and Inside Sharks by Sandra Markle
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Treasure of the Lost Lagoon by Geoffrey Hayes

The Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline
The Marvin Redpost Series by Louis Sacher
The Pinky and Rex Series by James Howe
The Pee Wee Scouts Series by Judy Delton

Five True Dog Stories by Margaret Davidson
The Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Hoopstars; Go to the Hoop! By Dean Hughes

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
The Max Malone Series by Charlotte Herman
The Titanic by Judy Donnelly

The Herbie Jones Series by Suzy Kline
Ramona the Brave by Beverly Cleary
A Pony for Keeps by Jeanne Betancourt

One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest by Jean Craighead George
Book of Black Heroes from A to Z by W Hudson and VW Wesley
Going for Gold! Eyewitness Readers
The Time Warp Trio Series by Jon Scieszka

Help! I'm Trapped in My Teacher's Body by Todd Strasser
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sacher
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Level R

Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
A Book about Planet and Stars by Betty Polisar Reigot
Brendan the Navigator by Jean Fritz
The Celery Stalks at Midnight by James Howe
Dog Years by Sally Warner
Foul Play on the Sidelines by Emily Costello
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Level S

The Baby-Sitter Burglaries by Carolyn Keene
Boys Against Girls by Phylis Reynolds Naylor
Eagle Song by Joseph Bruchac
Matilda by Roald Dahl
My Teacher Fried My Brains by Bruce Coville

Level T

Abel's Island by William Steig
A Ballad of the Civil War by Stolz
The Black Stallion by Walter Farley
Blubber by Judy Blume
But I'll be Back Again by Cynthia Rylant
Cracker Jackson by Betsy Byars
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
The Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling
Jackie and Me by Gutman

Level U

Baseball in April and Other Stories by Gary Soto
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Patterson
The Cat Ate my Gymsuit by Paula Danziger
Julie of the Wolves Series by Jean Craighead George
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Real Thief by William Steig

Level V

Anne Frank by Epstein
Anne of Green Gables by EL Montgomery
The Boy Who Saved Baseball by Ritter
Esperanza Rising by Ryan
The Fighting Ground by Avi
Holes by Louis Sacher
Rascal by Sterling North
A Pocketful of Seeds by Marilyn Sachs

Mummies Made in Egypt by Alik
No More Magic by Avi
The Story of Thomas Alva Edison, Inventor by Margaret Davidson
Strider by Beverly Cleary
Stuart Little by EB White
Weather Words and What They Mean by Gail Gibbons

Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
Samuel's Choice by Richard Berleth
The War With Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith
True Confessions by Janet Tashjian

Joey Pigza Loses Control by Gantos
The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis
My Life as a Fifth-Grade Comedian by Levy
The Power of Un by Etchemendy
Souder by Armstrong
The Titanic by Kent
The Wish Giver by Bill Brittain

Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
The Secret Garden by Frances H Burnett
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
The View from Saturday by EL Konigsburg
Tuck Everlasting by Natalia Babbitt
The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen
The Egypt Game by Snyder
Ella Enchanted by Levine

An Island Far From Home by John Donahue
Brain by Douglas Mathers
The Biggest Klutz in the Fifth Grade by Bill Wallace
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Dogsong by Gary Paulsen
Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

Level W

The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell
Dacey's Song by Cynthia Voigt
Dragon's Gate by Laurence Yep
A Blue Eyed Daisy by Cynthia Rylant
Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
Missing May by Cynthia Rylant

Level X

Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry
The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
A Girl Named Disaster by Nancy Farmer
MC Higgins the Great by Virginia Hamilton
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Level Y

Call of the Wild by Jack London
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Jackaroo by Cynthia Voigt
Jesse by Gary Soto

Level Z

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
After the Rain by Norma Fox Mazer
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Sylvia Peck
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman
Good Night, Mr. Tom by Michelle Magorian
The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

Mr. Lincoln's Drummer by G Clifton Wisler
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Phoenix Rising by Karen Hesse
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume
Winterdance by Gary Paulsen

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt! By Jean Fritz
Definitely Cool by Brenda Wilkinson
Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell

My Brother Sam is Dead by James and Christopher Collier
The Pushcart War by Jean Merrill
Where the Lillies Bloom by Vera and Bill Cleavers
The Cirque de Freak Series

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
The Shadow Children Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Hazelwood High Series by Sharon Draper
Ms. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Summer Reading Book Review

Directions

Product:

Based on our summer reading, we are making a class magazine of book reviews, and you will be reviewing at least two books. Your review should be engaging for your classmates to read. All of our reviews as a class should help us decide what to read throughout the year.

Criteria:

- Summary of the book
- On a scale of 1-10 how much did you like the book?
- Which quality did you most enjoy and why?
 - character development
 - plot development
 - writing style and description
- Who would like this book and why?

Process:

1. Read any two books you like. You can read more than two!!
2. Complete the graphic organizer for each book
3. Write a rough draft of your review—1 long paragraph—for each book
4. Write a final copy on a sheet of loose leaf paper—for each book
 1. Correct spelling and punctuation
 2. Revise sentences and word choice for an engaging style

Rubric:

Advanced (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Basic (70%)	Below Basic (40%)
In addition to proficient, I correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use academic vocabulary: theme, exposition, conflict, rising action, climax, resolution, static, dynamic, round, and flat.• explain inferences from the text using strong reasoning	The summary is clearly written. I fully describe only the main events of the story. I fully describe only the main characters, including how and why they change. I analyze a theme and how it develops.	An awkward phrase or two makes the summary somewhat difficult to read. I partially describe the main events of the story. I partially describe the main characters. I do not explain how the theme develops.	Several awkward phrases make the summary difficult to read. I partially summarize the plot. I do not identify a theme.

Standard Area—CC1.3 Reading Literature: Students read and respond to works of literature—with emphasis on comprehension, making connections among ideas and and between texts with a focus on textual evidence.

CC1.3.7 A Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

Book 1 Title

Author

Graphic Organizer

<p><i>Somebody:</i> List the main characters</p>	<p><i>Wanted:</i> What does the main character need or want?</p>
<p><i>But:</i> What conflict gets in the main character's way?</p>	
<p><i>So:</i> List the main events of the story, including the turning point or climax.</p>	
<p><i>Then:</i> How does the story end?</p>	

Book 2 Title

Author

Graphic Organizer

Somebody: List the main characters

Wanted: What does the main character need or want?

But: What conflict gets in the main character's way?

So: List the main events of the story, including the turning point or climax.

Then: How does the story end?

Student Name : _____

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Solve the problem with numbers

Student Name : _____

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Solve the problem with words

→ Turn Over

Student Name : _____

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Solve the problem with a drawing. Use pictures. Be creative!