



Summer Learning 2018 – 7th Grade

Dear Parents / Guardians of a Freire Charter Middle School 7th Grader -

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. The Book Reviews will be the first grades your child receives in Quarter 1 of their 7th grade year.

English Language Arts - Summer Reading Book Reviews

Your student's summer reading assignment is choice-based. Your student is required to read two 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 "Suggested Book List" which provides a list of books that we feel your child might enjoy. 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 "Suggested 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.

Mathematics – Fluency

The best work you can do regarding mathematics is develop your fluency. Fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division is critical. It's the ability to instantly know that $10+4 = 14$ or that $9 \times 6 = 54$. Fluency will be very important for your success next school year. Some ideas on how to practice fluency are:

- Flash cards
- Prodigy Math. Prodigy math is a free, online math game system. Sign up for a free account at www.prodigygame.com
- Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a free, online math system. You can access lessons, practice problems, and more at khanacademy.com

We are so excited to see you at the start of the school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

With thanks that you are our part of our dragon family,

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Head of School

Ms. Andrea Zepp
Head of Academic Supports

Mr. Adam Antonioli
Assistant Head of School

Teacher Recommendation Reading List

Freire Reading List

7th Grade Addendum

American Library Association Recommendations

1. Green, John.
2. Meyer, Marissa. Cinder
3. Cashore, Kristin.
4. Wein, Elizabeth.
5. Roth, Veronica.
6. Lu, Marie. Legend
7. Hartman, Rachel.
8. Clare, Cassandra.
9. Oliver, Lauren.
10. Vivian, Siobhan. The List

Nonfiction

1. Rosenthal, Bert.
2. Joseph, Paul.
3. Swanson, James.
4. Klingel, Cynthia.
5. Joseph, Paul.
6. Wiesel, Elie. Night (adult content concerning World War II)
7. Yousatzai, Malala.
8. Lece, Bell.

Classroom Favorites

- 1 Booth, Coe. Tyrell
- 2 Booth, Coe. Kendra
- 3 Draper, Sharon.
- 4 Draper, Sharon.
- 5 Draper, Sharon.
- 6 Flake, Sharon.
- 7 Flake, Sharon.
- 8 Myers, Walter Dean. Monster
- 9 Myers, Walter Dean Autobiography of My Dead Brother
10. Myers, Walter Dean. Slam!



Suggested Book List

The following books are listed from easy to difficult 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

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

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

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

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

The Amber Brown Series by Paula Danziger
The Cloud Book by Tomie DePaola
The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

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

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

The Anatasia Book Series by Lois Lowry
Bunnacula 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

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

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

Julian, Dream Doctor by Ann Cameron
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

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Mummies Made in Egypt by Aliko
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

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

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

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

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 Sachar
Rascal by Sterling North

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

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

Call of the Wild by Jack London

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

The Real Thief by William Steig
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
A Pocketful of Seeds by Marilyn Sachs
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

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
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
The Giver by Lois Lowry

Jackaroo by Cynthia Voigt
Jesse by Gary Soto
My Brother Sam is Dead by James and
Christopher Collier

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

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.

Graphic Organizer

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<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>	

Summary 1

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Summary 2

