



Summer Learning 2018 – 8th Grade

Dear Parents / Guardians of a Freire Charter Middle School 8th 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 Map will be the first grades your child receives in Quarter 1 of their 8th grade year.

English Language Arts - Summer Reading Book Map

Your student's summer reading assignment is to read **two books from the enclosed "8th Grade Summer Book List"**. Then, your student will choose one of the books they read and complete the enclosed book map.

- In this packet, you will find the "8th Grade Summer Book List" which provides the list of book options that your child can chose from.
- In this packet, you will also find the copy of the "Book Map" that your student needs to complete for one of the books that they read.
- We encourage students to read more books than the required amount. However, the book map assignment they complete must be from a book on the attached list that is at or close to their reading level.

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 a 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



8th Grade Summer Book List

The following books are listed from easy to difficult. **Rising 8th grade students MUST read two books from THIS list.** If your child is struggling to find a book that is accessible for them, 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.

To find the books, check out these resources:

- www.amazon.com
- www.barnesandnoble.com
- <http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/guided-reading-levels.html> where you can purchase new or used books
- 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

The War Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

The Doodles of Sam Dibble by J. Press

Stuart Little by E.B. White

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sacher

Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School by Louis Sacher

Wayside School is Falling Down by Louis Sacher

Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger by Louis Sacher

The Harry Potter Book Series by JK Rowling

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Book Series by CS Lewis

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Danny, Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

The Secret Garden by Frances H Burnett

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Bloomability by Sharon Creech

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Winterdance by Gary Paulsen
Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird
My Own Two Feet by Beverly Cleary
Phoenix Rising by Karen Hesse
Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume

Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan
The Devil's Arithmetic by Laurence Yep
Hoops by Walter Dean Myers
The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A Thief of Time by Tony Hillerman
Dance Hall of the Dead by Tony Hillerman
People of Darkness by Tony Hillerman
Skinwalker by Tony Hillerman
Talking God by Tony Hillerman
Coyote Waits by Tony Hillerman
The Shape Shifter by Tony Hillerman
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Golden Compass (Book 1) by Phillip Pullman
The Subtle Knife (Book 2) by Phillip Pullman
The Amber Spyglass (Book 3) by Phillip Pullman
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Name: _____

BOOK MAP

BOOK TITLE:	AUTHOR:
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<p>Main Characters of Your Book (please list at least 5 characters – the protagonist and supporting characters – are they round/flat/static/dynamic?)</p>	
<p>Discuss the EXPOSITION of your book – what is the setting? What is the context of the plot as the book begins?</p>	
<p>What is the MAIN CONFLICT of your book? Is it external/internal and character vs...? Describe in full detail.</p>	
<p>List 5 or more RISING ACTIONS that took place throughout the story! (Remember, these must be important events that move the plot along!)</p>	

<p>Here is additional space for your to list the important RISING ACTIONS of your book.</p>	
<p>What is the CLIMAX of your book? Make sure to explain <u>why</u> this is the climax – how is it a point of change for the protagonist and/or plot of the story?</p>	
<p>List 3+ FALLING ACTIONS that occur after the climax of your book. How does the story ‘come down’ from its peak moment of excitement or change? How does the protagonist continue to change?</p>	
<p>What is the RESOLUTION of your book? What happens in the final scene? What is the fate of the protagonist? Is the main conflict resolved?</p>	
<p>What is the GENRE of this book? (mystery, fantasy, detective novel, serious fiction, romantic drama, etc.?) Why do you feel that it fits with this genre?</p>	
<p>What is an important THEME that you could take away from this book? PLEASE EXPLAIN A SCENE THAT SUPPORTS THIS THEME!</p>	

<p>Please list 5-10 KEY WORDS that you did not recognize OR that create an effect/impact on the tone of the book. (This could also include slang and other vernacular!)</p> <p>You must also include the words' definitions and page numbers!</p>	
<p>Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Do NOT say 'No – it's boring' or 'Yes – it's interesting'! Explain WHY you felt that way about the book – give more detail!</p>	

Book Analysis – Please answer one of the questions below in full detail. (This should include 4-5 complete sentences.) If you choose to answer both, you will receive a bonus point!

Option #1 – Make a self-text connection to the book you read. How did this book remind you of a significant time period or event in your own life? Did it affect you in the same way as it affected the character(s) in the book?



