



# Summer Reading Packet

## Hello Future 8th Graders!!

I am very much looking forward to seeing you in the fall and diving into all things ELA (English Language Arts). Before we reach that point, there are a few things you need to know about me and a few things I am going to ask of you.

1. I love to read. Not everyone does, AND THAT'S OKAY. I am currently reading both Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurty and starting to work my way back through a few classics by Jane Austen - not to mention the stack of BRAND NEW graphic novels!!!
2. I love words. I am very proud of my vocabulary and am a huge fan of over-explaining the Latin roots of our everyday lingo.

You might be thinking, "I knew I was going to have the dreaded summer math packet, BUT NOW I HAVE READING TOO???"

Here is why:

1. Reading is part of life. It is how we stay informed about our world and how we become better prepared to interact with our world. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things that you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
2. Words are like friends - "You can't build up a vocabulary if you never meet any new words. And to meet them, you must read."

Attached you will find the instructions for your summer reading assignment. **My expectation is that this packet will be turned in completed on the first day of 8th grade - yes, this will be BOTH a Reading AND Expression grade.**

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. In the meantime, be happy, stay healthy, and enjoy your summer!

Best,

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## What do I have to do for Summer Reading?

This summer, I would like you to read **THREE (3)** or more books of your choice. While I love to reread old favorites, these books should be **new to you**.

Books should be grade-level in complexity and an appropriate length.

These books should be from at least **two different genres** and include **only one graphic novel**.

Nonfiction - writing that is true

Persuasive - tries to influence the reader

Informational - explains something

Autobiography - life story written by oneself

Biography - about someone else's life

Fiction - imaginative or made up writing

Historical - set in the past & based on real people and/or events

Science - has aliens, robots, and/or futuristic technology

Realistic - has no elements of fantasy; could be true but isn't

Fantasy - has monsters, magic or characters with superpowers

Horror - evoke a feeling of fright in characters and readers

Mystery - solution of a crime or unraveling of secrets

## How will I track my Summer Reading Progress?

Attached to this packet are **SIX (6) book spines**. When you finish reading a book, you will fill out **and color** the book spine of your choice.

There are six options to choose from - **you need to only complete THREE (3)**.

## What if I want to read more?

YES - PLEASE READ AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE!

I can only read so many books in a year, and depend on **YOU** to tell me what's good! I need your recommendations.

Additional book spine templates are available on the school website.

