

Summer 2023 Required Readings | 7th and 8th Grade

Continue reading even when school is out for the summer! Reading promotes fluency, increases children's vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, expands their knowledge of the world, and increases/maintains their comprehension skills. To prevent the typical "summer slide" students experience when not in school, we are requiring students to read. Each grade level has developed a specific reading assignment (see your grade level below). These are also some resources and many offer prizes.

- Sign up for your local library summer reading program. The Harker Heights summer library program has kicked off and offers many great opportunities. The Killeen Public Library also has a summer reading program with prizes when completed.
- Texas State Library and Archives – Sign up for their summer reading program
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texastalkingbooks/2023/03/28/announcing-2023-summer-reading-program/>
- Read books on-line through Open Library, Story Line online, Tumble books, Goodread Free shelves, and many more. All for free.
- Army MWR Summer Reading Program – Sign up online, visit Casey Memorial Library on Fort Cavazos to earn your reward.
- Earn a free book! Read 8 books, fill out the form and take it to Barnes & Noble.
- Check out Camp Book IT! (Pizza Hut Summer reading Program)
<https://www.bookitprogram.com/articles/summer-reading/camp-book-it>
- Land on Home Base the Scholastic Summer reading program
<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>

Required Reading – Entering 7th Grade

Bud, not Buddy by Paul Curtis

(copy available in the office)

- Plot Diagram
- Character Trait Chart for each character: be creative when creating your character trait chart.

Required Reading – Entering 8th Grade

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by J. Boyne

Free copy

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=bHRwcy5pbmZvfG1yc21pbmVyb3xneDo3YmViODJjOTkzMGMQwNmZj>

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Additional Reading for both 7th and 8th Grade

Triple Crown Reading program

Books are available to be checked out through the front office.

From Here to There: Inventions that Changed the Way the World Moves by Vivian Kirkfield

Lily's Promise by Kathryn Erskine

Operation Do-Over by Gordon Korman

Out of My Heart by Sharon M. Draper

Rescue by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

The Adventure is Now by Jess Redman

The Ogress and the Orphans by Kelly Barnhill

The School for Whatnots by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Star that Always Stays by Anna Rose Johnson

- Students should spend 20 minutes per day per subject using BJU [Afterschool Help.com](https://www.bju.edu/afterschoolhelp) to review and preview Writing and Grammar concepts and Math skills.

Plot Diagram for _____
(Novel name)

9. _____
8. _____
7. _____
6. _____
5. _____
4. _____
3. _____
2. _____
1. _____

Rising Action

(The story's events, problems, and conflicts.)

Falling Action

(What events help wrap up the story?)

Climax: (The turning point in the story.)

10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

Resolution: (How is the conflict resolved?)

Exposition

Protagonist:

Antagonist:

Setting – Time:

Setting – Place:

Internal Conflict:

External Conflict:

Author's Theme:

Symbolism:

Foreshadowing:

Irony:

Name _____

CHARACTER MAP # 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

