

Dear 8th Grade Middle School Parents and Students,

As you head into your exciting summer, I encourage you to take some summer reading with you! The more you read, the better! That being said, when you return to school next year, you will be expected to have read at least **two** books during your summer break.

**8th Grade English Assignment: Due by August 1, 2022**

Read **two** of the following books and then go to the link below to submit a 500-word response on one of the books you read. Also, there will be a section of summer sentencing writing in the assignment. These are both due by August 1, 2022.

[8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment](#)

8th Grade Summer English Assignment

**Read two books from below:**

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Vincent and Theo* by Deborah Heiligman

*Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis

*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Nowhere Boy* by Katherine Marsh

*Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crain

**8th Grade Honors English Assignment: (1) book from the list below AND *The Pearl* Due by August 1, 2022**

Read one of the following books below and then go to the link below to submit a 500-word response. Also, there will be a section of sentence writing in the assignment. These are both due by August 1, 2022.

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**Read one book from below:**

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**REQUIRED BOOK:** *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck (Must be read by the first day of class.)

We will discuss this book in class starting on the first day of school. This is our first unit of study, and you will have projects and assignments to complete based on your reading. I expect you to have your book fully read when you come to class in order to be able to participate.

*\*When you read, you should pay attention to main characters, various settings, plots, and themes present in the book. After we discuss the book in class, you can also expect to be tested on that material.*

In addition to the books you choose from the reading list, please continue reading all summer. At this age, reading levels and interests widely vary. Therefore, I encourage parents to look at these selections with your child when they are choosing. Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>) is a wonderful website to preview books before your child reads them. In some cases, you may want to read the book with your child to discuss difficult topics, and don't dismiss reading aloud to each other. They are NOT too old! No matter what they choose to read for pleasure, it is important to simply get them reading. A short, easy read can spark an interest and encourage reluctant readers to keep reading. You can never read too many books!

Summer is also a great time to continue building grammar skills. A great website for grammar practice is [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com). This is completely optional.

I hope you enjoy your summer reading, and I will see you in August!

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