

## Middle School Language Arts Summer Work for 2023

**READING** - Students should strive to read 600 minutes this summer. They are encouraged to read a minimum of **three (3) books** with each book consisting of a minimum of 150 pages. One book must be a nonfiction book. If students read a book that is 300 or more pages, that counts as two (2) books. **All reading, including books, magazines, newspapers, comic books, etc., should be recorded on the Reading Log.**

Students will respond to one (1) prompt for each book read. If students read a book that is 300 or more pages, pick two (2) different prompts for that book. Students should have a total of three (3) different reading responses.

1. Draw a map of the setting AND on the backside of the drawing, describe how the setting affects the story.
2. Write a short story about what the main character(s) would be doing one year later.
3. If you could interview the protagonist, what three questions would you ask? How do you think he or she might respond?
4. Write a letter to the author.
5. Write a short book review. Remember to provide a short summary of the book and include a few sentences as to why you liked or didn't like the book.
6. Choose two people or characters from two different books that you think would be great friends. Tell why they would be good friends.
7. Choose one book location or setting to live in for a week—it can be fiction or nonfiction. Which book would you choose and why?
8. What is the main conflict in the book? How does the main conflict affect the character(s)?
9. Which character(s) did you like? Explain why.
10. Write a new ending to your book.

**LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS** - I have pinned the IXL Summer Boost skill plan for all 3 grade levels. If using the website (IXL.com), choose your incoming grade. If using the app, select the following levels: incoming 8th grade - level J, incoming 7th grade - level I, and incoming 6th grade - level H. Students should reach a minimum of 80% for each skill. Returning students will use their usernames and passwords from last year. New students will receive an email with their login information.

**Students should be ready to turn in and present their summer work (three (3) reading responses and reading logs) during the first week of school, August 23-25.**

Have a great summer! Happy Reading!

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