



Dear Family,

As summer vacation approaches, students will be enjoying their time off with some fun in the sun! This is also a great time to get a head start on the following school year. All middle school students will be required to complete academic activities during the summer. The completed activities are to be brought to their new subject area teacher on the first day of school.

**\*\* THIS WILL BE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST GRADE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR \*\***

**How to Get the Reading Books**

The required books can be found at the public library or purchased from any local or on-line bookstore such as Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

**What Can Parents Do?**

- Read with your child in a comfortable location.
- Have your child read aloud to you.
- Set aside regular family reading time where you can discuss the occurrences of the story.
- Ask your child questions about the story as they read it. This will help him/her better understand it, while letting them know you are interested.

**MATH SUMMER FUN**

Your child had a busy year learning new math skills. Mastery of all these skills is extremely important in order to develop a solid math foundation. Next year's math program will add onto these skills, any time spent learning or reinforcing these concepts will be very beneficial for your child. Each year builds upon the previous year's skills in math.

**FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEW  
Summer Bridge Activities**

This workbook may be purchased online, Wal-Mart, Office Depot, Staples, and/or Barnes & Noble

Don't forget when purchasing, to purchase the workbook for the grade your child is ENTERING for 2015-2016.

The Summer Bridge Activities® series helps prevent summer learning loss while getting students ready for the school year ahead. Engaging practice activities for math and language arts skills can be completed in just 15 minutes during each weekday of summer vacation. All activities support current state standards. In addition, exclusive features help kids stay active and healthy by moving and thinking, with activities such as goal setting, character development exercises, fitness challenges, hands-on science experiments, social studies activities, and outdoor learning experiences. Summer Bridge Activities is the perfect way to keep skills sharp all summer long!



**Middle School  
Summer  
Enrichment**



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## READING ACTIVITIES

Choose one of the projects for the book you read.

### Entering 6th & 7th grade

- Create a mini-comic book relating several chapters of the book. Include setting, characters, theme, and conflict/climax. Include the name of the book and the author on the cover.
- Create a board game based on the book (complete with game board, game pieces, and rules- put in a container such as a decorated pizza box). In some way, include the setting, characters, theme, and conflict. Include the name of the book and the author.
- Create a song or rap based on the book. Include at least two of the four elements of a story (setting, characters, theme, and conflict).
- Decorate a t-shirt that includes the book title and author. You may want to include setting, characters, theme, and/or conflict. Come up with a slogan or line from the book that is relevant and include it on the shirt.
- Wrap Up with a Good Book- Decorate the outside of a box to show knowledge of the book. Include setting, characters, theme, and conflict. Use your imagination and any materials you choose.
- Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words you find in your novel. Create a chart/poster to help others to understand and learn the word meanings from your novel. Use at least 10 words from the novel that would be considered challenge words for your grade level.

### Entering 8th Grade

- Make a character wheel of your favorite character in the story. Include his or her traits/qualities. How does he or she act towards the other characters? What does he or she say to the others? Include at least 6 things about the character. Make it legible and colorful.
- Make a story board of the main events in the novel. Color and details count! You must have at least five (5) frames.
- Write a review of your novel to advertise for a book company to sell this book. Include a brief summary of the novel and what impact it had on your life or the lives of those who will want to read it. **SELL IT IN WORDS!**
- Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence about your novel that defend why it is one of the best books you have read.
- Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words you find in your novel. Create a chart/poster to help others to understand and learn the word meanings from your novel. Use at least 10 words from the novel that would be considered challenge words for your grade level.
- Create a literary analysis with the following questions. What is the **setting** of the novel? What is the **main conflict** in the novel? Be specific. Who is the **main character**? Describe him or her with details found in the novel. Would you want to be friends with this person? Why or why not? **EXPLAIN.** Tell about the five (5) most important **MAIN EVENTS** in this novel? How is the **main conflict** resolved? Explain. **Rate this novel** on a scale of one to five. Tell why you chose that rating. **Who** would enjoy reading this book? Why? What was your favorite part of the novel and why?

For each of the questions, there should be a full paragraph that answers the question in clear detail with correct conventions (capitalization, punctuation, grammar, complete sentences, and clearness in writing.)



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Grade	Title of Books
6th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Shakespeare Stealer</li><li>• Tangerine</li></ul>
7th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</li><li>• Code Talker</li></ul>
8th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time Machine</li><li>• Survivors: True Stories of the Holocaust</li></ul>

### Civics Academic Enrichment Activity for Incoming 7th Graders

All incoming 7th graders will be taking civics. At the end of the year, they will be participating in the state mandated end of course assessment. The test requires a tremendous amount of preparation and the score will be 30% of the final civics grade. In order to best prepare our students, they will get a great head start by completing 5 activities. **The activities can be found on the school website.** You will also find 3 additional activities which can be completed for an extra credit grade. If you are not able to print out the materials, please ask your child's social science teacher before the end of the school year.

*All students entering a Middle School grade will be turning in a project for their book.*