

Summer Reading 2022 Guidelines 8th Grade

1. WHY READ DURING THE SUMMER?

To keep your skills sharp..... There are several studies which show that there is a significantly higher level of reading achievement in students who participate in summer reading. Students who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency (Allington & McGill – Franzen, 2010).

2. 8th Grade Required reading:

The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott

Choice (select 1 from the following list)

- *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Well, That was Awkward* by Rachel Vail

3. Student will keep a reflection journal for both the required reading and the book of choice. The reflection journal requirements are as follows:

- The reflection journal may be kept in a composition book, a neat folder or a 1 subject notebook
- There should be 1 entry in the reading journal for each chapter in each book
- Each chapter entry should be around 1 paragraph in length (3-5 sentences)
- Each entry should be labeled: Name of Book and Chapter
- The reflection entry should NOT be a summary of what you read. It should include your original thoughts regarding what you read, questions you have, vocabulary that you are unfamiliar with or new ideas that you learned. Make sure that you reference what you are responding to in the chapter.
- Plagiarism rules of FA should be adhered to at all times
- The reflection journal is due on the Friday that you return to FA for 8th grade