



KZV's Summer Reading Program



Dear Parents,

Once again, we will be requiring summer assignments for KZV's learning community. Research shows that summer reading loss or "summer slide" is a problematic loss of grade-level skills, and having a robust summer learning program with concentrated reading time helps build vocabulary, improves focus, and decreases screen time for students. This program will give students the opportunity to read and share their ideas or projects when they return for the new school year.

Each child will receive the following information and materials for the summer reading program:

1. a required reading list
2. a recommended reading list (for elementary grades)
3. a summary form or project sheet (if any), and
4. a reading log or assignment directions.

REQUIRED READING FOR ALL GRADES:

Grades 1-4: Students in grades 1-4 are **required** to read three **(3)** books

Grades 5: Students in grade 5 are **required** to read two **(2)** books.

Grades 6-8: Students in grades 6 are **required** to read **(1)** book.

Students in grades 7 are **required** to read **(2)** books.

Students in grades 8 are **required** to read **(3)** books.

Each student who fulfills this requirement will receive a grade for participating in this program. Students who do not complete summer reading are at risk of falling behind their classmates

The reading log and any projects (book reports, summaries, etc.) required by the teacher is **due the first week of school**. Teachers may also use assessments upon return, so students need to be prepared to discuss and respond to questions about their books.

Books are available at your local library, bookstore or online. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a wonderful summer!



Sincerely,
The English Language Arts Department

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING INFORMATION

INCOMING SIXTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Dear Students,

I am so excited to meet you! Middle School will be a ton of fun, and we will be reading and exploring new territories! I look forward to meeting all of you.

Your summer reading assignment is to read the book Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin. Books have been provided, and you will be answering all the questions that were given to you in the packets - **do them as you read**. Then, I want you to create a PET DRAGON that is designed with all your favorite things - pictures of your favorite hobbies, colors, games, sports, or anything that will tell me about YOU!

These assignments will be collected upon your return to school. Please do not leave this to the last week as it will be too much work.

See you in August!

Sirov, Digin Sevana

Epic Heroes, Legends, and Staying Gold

Incoming Seventh and Eighth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Hello everyone! It is time for us to begin working on our Summer assignment! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sevanapanosian@kzv.org. Parents may text me at (415) 676-9219. PLEASE PURCHASE THESE BOOKS FOR A **BOOK CHECK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 6!**

STUDENTS ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE AND EIGHTH GRADE

You will be reading **TWO** graphic novels.

THE ODYSSEY, by Homer an adaptation by GARETH HINDS <https://a.co/d/bW1OfPT>

BEOWULF, a graphic novel adaptation by GARETH HINDS <https://a.co/d/5BPVaDf>

These books are used at local high schools so don't think that they're "easy" because they look like comic books! This will help you focus on the epic hero path. Please annotate!

All students will be tested upon return. You must annotate (especially The Odyssey Book 9 - 24) to remember the events in the epic.

EIGHTH GRADE

Required Reading: The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton <https://a.co/d/dal6xwo>

1. S.E. Hinton's book is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year-old boy. The novel tells the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society which he believes that he is an outsider.

Read this book and be ready to be tested on it. There will be an in-class essay on the second day of school and we will watch the movie together!

Suggested (not required)

Those students applying to private schools should have this practice book for the HSPT.
<https://a.co/d/j2rRhXJ>