



KZV's Summer Reading Program

Summer of 2021



Dear Parents,

Once again, we will be requiring summer reading by our KZV students. By reading during the summer, students will remember and use the skills they have acquired during the school year. 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,
3. a summary form or project sheet (if any), and
4. a reading log.

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 6-8 are required to read one **(1)** book.

Each student who fulfills this requirement will receive a certificate and a grade for participating in this program. Students who do not complete this requirement can expect to lose points on their first quarter English grade.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER READING TO RECEIVE FREE DRESS PASS:

In order to receive a free dress pass, students should:

- Grades 1-2: read an additional five **(5)** books from the recommended list + the required Armenian book
- Grades 3-8: read an additional two **(2)** books from the recommended list + the required Armenian book.

Parents and students may record the names of the additional books read on the attached reading log. Parents will sign the reading log to verify that their child has read the books.

The reading log and any projects (book reports, summaries, etc.) required by the teacher is due on **Friday, August 20, 2021**. Teachers may also give class work or quizzes upon return to school, 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

Incoming Eighth Grade
Summer Reading

Welcome to 8th grade! Here is your required summer reading homework.

This year you will read *The Yearling* by Majorie Kinnan Rawlings.

As you read the book, you should keep a dialogue journal for the text that you are reading: You should pick out 4 different quotes that stick out to you and write about each one by answering the questions listed below.

Here are the questions you should address in your write up:

- 1.) Why did you choose to write about this quote? What stands out to you?
- 2.) What does this quote mean to the character(s)? How does it relate to the story?
- 3.) Has there been a time when you felt like this? What did you end up doing?
- 4.) What advice would you give the character regarding the quote?

Happy reading!

Recommended List

Abrahams, Peter. **Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery.** Laura Geringer Books, 2005. Eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill idolizes Sherlock Holmes, so it is not surprising when, stumbling across a murder, she opts to keep what she knows a secret and tries to solve the crime herself.

Barakat, Ibtisam. **Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood.** Farrar, Straus Giroux, 2007. The innocence of her childhood is shattered as planes bomb young Ibtisam's home, Israeli soldiers conduct raids, and members of her family become Palestinian refugees following the Six-Day War of 1967.

Cabot, Meg. **Airhead.** Point, 2008. Sixteen-year-old Emerson Watts, an advanced placement student with a disdain for fashion, is the recipient of a "whole body transplant" and finds herself transformed into one of the world's most famous teen supermodels.

Christie, Agatha. **A Pocket Full of Rye.** First published 1953. The wealthy Rex Fortescue falls dead at a normal tea shortly after partaking of the fare, and when the only clue is rye in his pocket, Miss Marple uses the old nursery rhyme "Sing a Song of Sixpence" to help solve the murder.

Kluger, Steve. **My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, and Fenway Park.** Dial, 2008. In his first novel for young readers, Kluger revisits themes in his adult titles: baseball, romantic sparring, and social activism.

Deuker, Carl. **Gym Candy.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Freshman running back Mick Johnson works hard to make his dream of football stardom come true, finding the edge he needs to become bigger, stronger, and faster with the help of steroids—despite consequences to his health and social life.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. **The Sign of the Four.** First published 1890. Sherlock Holmes is asked by Miss Morstan to investigate the strange disappearance of her father ten years ago and to find out why she has been receiving a large, beautiful pearl for her birthday every year since.

Dumas, Alexandre. **The Three Musketeers.** First published 1844. Young d'Artagnan comes to Paris to join the Musketeers; there he and his new friends Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, serve King Louis XIV and try to foil the evil plots of Cardinal Richelieu with lots of swordplay.

Farmer, Nancy. **The House of the Scorpion**. Atheneum, 2002. In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Jinks, Catherine. **EvilGenius**. Harcourt, 2005. Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true, shocking identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

Kolosov, Jacqueline. **The Red Queen's Daughter**. Hyperion, 2007. Sixteen-year-old Mary Seymour, a white magician in Queen Elizabeth's court, has vowed never to fall in love, but her attraction to her darkly handsome cousin Edmund, a black magician who seems to understand her better than anyone, cannot be denied, and she finds her beliefs tested when he becomes involved in a plot against the queen.

Rees, Celia. **Sorceress**. Candlewick, 2003. Eighteen-year-old Agnes, a Mohawk Indian descended from a line of shamanic healers, uses her own newly-discovered powers to uncover the story of her ancestor, a seventeenth-century New England English healer who fled charges of witchcraft.

Ritter, John H. **Under the Baseball Moon**. Philomel Books, 2006. Andy and Glory, two fifteen-year-olds from Ocean Beach, California, pursue their respective dreams of becoming a famous musician and a professional softball player.

Smith, D. James. **The Boys of San Joaquin: A Novel**. Atheneum, 2005. In a small California town in 1951, twelve-year-old Paolo and his deaf cousin Billy get caught up in a search for money missing from the church collection, leading them to complicated discoveries about themselves, other family members, and townspeople they thought they knew.

