



Rising 8th Grade Summer Project

Ms. Witmeyer

Objectives:

- I will continue to sharpen my reading skills during the summer.
- I will work toward experiencing reading for pleasure in my everyday life.

Part 1: Reading Calendars

Each student will be given a packet of calendars that span summer break (June, July, and August). On the calendar, the students will record anything they spend time reading. Reading materials will include at least 1 book selected through your Learning Ally APP, audiobooks using Audible, or a paperback or hardcopy book of your choosing. Students are also encouraged to record time spent reading magazines, online blogs, newspapers, etc. (“Short blurbs” such as Facebooks status posts or Instagram captions should not be recorded.) Making notations on the calendar will be practiced extensively prior to the end of school. Parent signatures are required weekly.

Guidelines:

1. Students must select 4 days each week to read for at least 20 minutes each of those days. They will make notations on their calendars as directed.
2. Students may take off 1 full week per month to account for family vacations or other circumstances.
3. Students can make notations on their calendars as directed to indicate extra time reading.
4. Students will return the reading calendars **to Ms. Witmeyer** on the first day of school.

Part 2: The Summer Sabers Reading Challenge:

Don't lose the progress you have made this school year! Participate and build daily reading habits this summer. Students who read voraciously throughout the summer will be recognized by the English department at the beginning of the school year. You are encouraged to read as much as you can and log your efforts on your Reading Calendars. Readers will be recognized for completing the following:

- **Page Burner Award:** goes to the student who read the most pages during the summer.
- **Bound to Books Award:** goes to the student who read the most books during the summer.
- **Summer Scholar Saber Award:** goes to the student who read the most pages from a variety of sources in addition to reading novels during the summer for each grade level.

- **Rooting for Reading Award:** goes to the student who uploads a quote, words, videos, picture, etc. to Instagram showcasing how access to audiobooks has changed your summer reading world; in your post, use this hashtag #SummerSabersReadingChallenge and be sure to include @TNCS so we can find your posts!

Friendly Reminders about Learning Ally APP:

- My username and password information:
 - Username: _____
 - Password: _____
- Troubleshoot the APP:
 - Remember to close out the APP by double clicking the home button and swiping up.
 - Remember to shut down your iPad and let it rest every 2-3 days. This will help work out any kinks!
 - If you are still having issues, touch base with Ms. Witmeyer by:
 - Email: cwitmeyer@tncs.org
 - Phone: (804)347-5799

Book Suggestions from your Tribe

<u>Book Titles from Our Tribe</u>	<u>Book Titles from the Leaders of Our Tribe</u>
<p><u>The Mortality Doctrine</u> by James Dashner <u>Divergent</u> (Series) by Veronica Roth <u>Ender's Game</u> by Orson Scott Card <u>Fish in a Tree</u> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt <u>The Maze Runner</u> (Series) by James Dashner <u>The Magician's Nephew</u> by C.S. Lewis <u>The Hobbit</u> by J.R.R. Tolkien <u>The Lord of the Rings</u> (Series) by J.R.R. Tolkien <u>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</u> by Tom Angleberger <u>Wonder</u> by R.J. Palacio <u>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</u> by Jonathan Safran Foer <u>Chronicles of Narnia</u> (Series) by C.S. Lewis <u>The Girl Who Could Fly</u> by Victoria Forester <u>The Boy Who Knew Everything</u> by Victoria Forester <u>Bridge to Terabithia</u> by Katherine Paterson <u>Paper Towns</u> by John Green <u>Looking for Alaska</u> by John Green <u>Al Capone at Alcatraz</u> (Series) by Gennifer Choldenko <u>The Book of Three</u> (The Chronicles of Prydain Book 1) (Series) by Lloyd Alexander <u>Perks of Being a Wallflower</u> by Stephen Chbosky <u>Frindle</u> by Andrew Clements <u>Fairy Tale</u> <u>The Lunar Chronicles</u> (Series) by Marissa <u>The DUFF</u> by Kody Keplinger <u>Harry Potter</u> (Series) by J.K. Rowling <u>Harry Potter and the Cursed Child</u> by J.K. Rowling <u>The Dead-Tossed Waves</u> (Series) by Carrie Ryan <u>Escaping the Giant Wave</u> by Peg Kehret <u>Small Steps</u> by Louis Sachar <u>Number the Stars</u> by Lois Lowry <u>Skullduggery</u> (Series) by Derek Landy <u>Leech</u> (Comic Book) by Marvel Comics <u>Attack on Titan</u> by Kodansha Comics <u>The Martian</u> by Andy Weir <u>42: The Jackie Robinson Story: The Movie Novel</u> by Aaron Rosenberg</p>	<p>Tribe Leader Foulger: <u>Touching Spirit Bear</u> by Ben Mikaelson <u>Silent Spring</u> by Rachel Carson <u>Born to Run</u> by Christopher McDougall <u>Into the Wild</u> by Jon Krakauer <u>Goosebumps</u> by R.L. Stine <u>The Book of Blood</u> by H.P. Newquist <u>Meltdown! The Nuclear Disaster in Japan and Our Energy Future</u> by Fred Bortz <u>The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity</u> by Elizabeth Rusch <u>What's So Mysterious About Meteorites</u> by O. Richard Morris <u>Death from the Skies!: The Science Behind the End of the World</u> by Philip Plait</p> <p>Tribe Leader Witmeyer: <u>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</u> by Sherman Alexie <u>The Wednesday Wars</u> by Gary D. Schmidt <u>A Wrinkle in Time</u> by Madeleine L'Engle <u>The Princess Bride</u> by William Goldman <u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> by Wilson Rawls <u>Little Women</u> by Louisa May Alcott <u>The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants</u> by Ann Brashares <u>The Call of the Wild</u> by Jack London</p> <p>Tribe Leader Wise: <u>The Giver</u> by Lois Lowry <u>Pendragon Series</u> by DJ MacHale <u>Inheritance Cycle</u> by Christopher Paolini <u>The Seventh Tower</u> (Series) by Garth Nix <u>Keys to the Kingdom</u> (Series) by Garth Nix <u>Old Kingdom</u> (Series) by Garth Nix <u>Artemis Fowl</u> (Series) by Eoin Colfer <u>Dragonriders of Pern</u> (Series) by Anne McCaffrey <u>The Alchemist</u> by Paulo Coelho</p>

June – Summer Reading Log

*Highlight reading days yellow: 4 days/week, 20 minutes/day

*Write title/type of reading & minute/page total in each box.

*Highlight extra days/times in a different color

*Parents initial in the Saturday boxes to confirm reading!

*Take 1 week off each month – X those days

Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	1	2	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
25	26	27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>

July – Summer Reading Log

*Highlight reading days yellow: 4 days/week, 20 minutes/day

*Write title/type of reading & minute/page total in each box.

*Highlight extra days/times in a different color

*Parents initial in the Saturday boxes to confirm reading!

*Take 1 week off each month – X those days

Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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August – Summer Reading Log

*Highlight reading days yellow: 4 days/week, 20 minutes/day

*Write title/type of reading & minute/page total in each box.

*Highlight extra days/times in a different color

*Parents initial in the Saturday boxes to confirm reading!

*Take 1 week off each month – X those days

Name _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
27	28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Total Pages: Total Books: </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	