

2020-2021 Desert Heights Preparatory Academy Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now more than ever we are grateful to be able to provide a holistic and competitive academic experience for our students. Our Summer Reading Assignments allows our students the opportunity to reinforce vital standards in reading and writing over the summer months and prepare for the rigor of the next school year. The philosophy underlying our summer reading program supports best practices in literacy instruction in that allowing such autonomy provides for better buy-in while also maintaining their individual reading levels. Students will have the autonomy in choosing their own novels to read while also practicing valuable skills in reading fluency, comprehension and analysis.

This year, grade level/course assignments can be found on the links provided in the Coyote Connection Newsletter as well as email communication to all returning students. Attached below is a list of novels with which students are able to choose from to complete the summer reading assignment. We will also be providing printed copies of the assignment and will have a plan in place soon for pick up.

All 7th and 8th Grade students will complete the summer reading assignment that corresponds with the grade level that they will be entering for the 2020-2021 School Year. We highly encourage parents and guardians of students entering 7th and 8th Grade to be actively involved in the summer reading program, which encourages your child to fall in love with reading. Additionally, students and parents are encouraged to reach out to their dean for support or to answer questions over the summer months. Also, please make sure to check your email and Coyote Connection for updates and further information regarding the summer reading assignment. The assignment is due the first day of school, August 3, 2020.

**If you have any questions regarding the summer assignment,
please email the your grade-level dean:**

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Summer Assignment Novel Selection

7 th Grade Summer Reading List	8 th Grade Summer Reading List
<i>Counting by Sevens</i> by Holly Goldberg Sloan	<i>Fallen Angels</i> by Walter Dean Myers
<i>Freaking</i> by Lana Krumwiede	<i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> by Julia Alvarez
<i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen	<i>Darkness Before Dawn</i> by Sharon M. Draper
<i>Homecoming</i> by Cynthia Voigt	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> by Ransom Riggs
<i>Loot</i> by Jude Watson	<i>Malcom X: By Any Means Necessary</i> by Walter Dean Myers
<i>Nothing by the Truth</i> by Avi	<i>Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History</i> by Art Spiegelman
<i>Number the Stars</i> by Lowis Lowry	<i>Scorpions</i> by Walter Dean Myers
<i>Orbiting Jupiter</i> by Gary D. Schmidt	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i> by Olive Ann Burns
<i>Redwall</i> by Brian Jacques	<i>Hoops</i> by Walter Dean Myers
<i>Shiloh</i> by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> by Frederick Douglass
<i>Tex</i> by S.E. Hinton	<i>Ender's Game</i> by Orson Scott Card
<i>The Absolute Value of Mike</i> by Kathrynne Erskine	<i>Hound of the Baskervilles</i> by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak	<i>Parrot in the Oven</i> by Victor Martinez
<i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London	<i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien
<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i> by Kelly Barnhill	<i>Black Like Me</i> by John Howard Griffin
<i>The Giver</i> by Lowis Lowry	<i>Something Wicked This Way Comes</i> by Ray Bradbury
<i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding
<i>The Wednesday Wars</i> by Gary D. Schmidt	<i>All Quiet on the Wester Front</i> by Erich Remarque
<i>The Westing Game</i> by Ellen Rasking	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain
<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> by Ben Mikaelson	<i>Battle of Jericho</i> by Sharon Draper
<i>Trails of Apollo</i> by Rick Riordan	<i>October Sky</i> by Homer Hickam
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt	<i>Persepolis: Story of Childhood</i> by Marjane Satrapi
<i>Watership Down</i> by Richard Adams	<i>And Then There Were None</i> by Agatha Christie
<i>Where the Lilies Bloom</i> by Vera & Bill Cleaver	<i>Fault in Our Stars</i> by John Green
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls	<i>Turtles All the Way Down</i> by John Green