



Carver Middle an IB World School

Summer Reading Overview for 6-8th graders



Hello Eagle Parents and Students,

Can you believe the new school year is just around the corner? To help you get a strong start, we've prepared everything you need to successfully complete your first English Language Arts assignment over the summer. **EXTRA CREDIT Task is due to your Language Arts teacher no later than Friday, August 29, 2025.**

As part of this task, you'll explore a list of engaging, high-quality stories representing a variety of literary genres, along with clear instructions for completing the summer assignment for **incoming 6th graders** and **rising 7th and 8th graders**. While we strive to select books that are age-appropriate and aligned with students' reading proficiency and maturity levels, we encourage families to review the selections together to ensure they align with personal preferences and values.

Recommended Summer Reading & Task

We encourage students to select at least one of the following books as a foundation for their summer reading. We suggest reflecting on questioning your reading. Here is a set of reflection questions you can use—[LINK](#).

- **Incoming 6th Grade Novel:** *"Hatchet"* by Gary Paulsen
- **Rising 7th Grade Novel:** *"Bridge to Terabithia"* by Katherine Paterson
- **Rising 8th Grade Novel:** *"The Hobbit"* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- **Additional Reading Books** [LINK](#), From the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2025- 2026 List for Grades 6-8

Summer Assignment for English Language Learners

☀️ **Summer Vocabulary Practice for English Language Learners:** [Florida's B.E.S.T Standards: English Language Arts Glossary of Terms Word to Word Translations](#), [Spanish version](#), [Haitian Creole version](#), [Portuguese version](#)

This summer, students learning English can take time to grow their English vocabulary and prepare for the new school year. Here's an easy way to practice following 3 steps.

- ✏️ **Step 1:** Write each vocabulary word on an index card or in your notebook.
 - 📖 **Step 2:** On the back or below each word, write the definition or a picture to help you remember.
 - 🎯 **Step 3:** Study a few words each day and use it for the new school year.
- 📱 Don't forget to **join our Google Classroom (code: Zgm40er)** for updates, reminders, and support from your Literacy Coach throughout the summer!

🔗 We look forward to seeing your thoughtful reading and writing efforts when school resumes. Let's make it a great year from day one!

Warm regards,
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