



Dear Students and Parents in grade 8,

In an effort to avoid the summer slide and boost comprehension, vocabulary and fluency, incoming eighth grade students will have a summer reading assignment for Reading class. Upon returning to school, students will be held accountable for the reading in a few ways, including a project, test and writing assignment.

Over the summer, incoming eighth graders will be required to read two books. The first book is a book of their choice. The book should be no less than 125 pages and an appropriate book for their reading level. (If students need recommendations, please see me). The book should not be a book they have read for another class or for entertainment in the past. This book will not be provided, but students are encouraged to check books out at the library.

For the second book, students will have some choices. We will be going over these choices in class over the next few days. I have copies of these books available, but students must have a permission form that states my expectations for how the book is to be treated over the summer and that it should be returned in the same condition or will need to be replaced. The books they can choose from include:

*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs

*The Revenge of Magic* by James Riley

*Refugee 87* by Ele Fountain

*Wild Bird* by Wendelin Van Draanen

*Blended* by Sharon Draper

*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty

*Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict

*Parallel Journeys* by Eleanor Ayer

Students are also encouraged to get a library card over the summer and can receive extra credit for a personal, working library card during the research paper unit. Information about how to get a library card will be provided on the Classroom page.

If you have any questions over the summer, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Leach at [hleach@stthereseschoolmunhall.org](mailto:hleach@stthereseschoolmunhall.org) or sign up for the summer reading class on Mrs. Leach's Google Classroom. The code for this temporary Classroom is: [uksjipa](#).

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. According to the American Library Association, summer reading programs help students to keep up their skills and also generate interest in reading, as well as life-long learning.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!

God Bless,  
Mrs. Hallie Leach

## Summer Book Borrowing Agreement

- ❖ I understand that borrowing a book from Mrs. Leach’s library is a privilege. I could choose to purchase the book or borrow it from the library.
- ❖ I promise to use care when reading the book both in school and at home.
- ❖ I will keep the book in a safe place at home and return it to Mrs. Leach at the beginning of the school year.
- ❖ I will report any damaged or lost books to my teacher.
- ❖ I will return my book to the teacher before I am able to sign out a new book.
- ❖ I understand that if I lose or purposely damage a book I will not be allowed to borrow another book and am expected to pay for the damages or the cost of replacing the book.

I have chosen to borrow the book: \_\_\_\_\_  
for my summer reading. I understand the replacement cost of the book is  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_