

MATER LAKES ACADEMY

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER READING 2023-2024

Esteemed Parents,

Summer reading provides students with opportunities for leisure reading, individual exploration and personal as well as intellectual growth. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but students who continue to read actually gain skills. This summer, following such challenging academic obstacles, you can help your child sustain (and even strengthen) reading skills, reinforce vocabulary, and emphasize the impact of reading for pleasure. Although children need free time, away from structured academic learning, summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood while accelerating achievement. Let's make summer reading fun!

The following are a few tips to make summer reading enjoyable for students:

- Consider checking the book out of the local library
- Purchase online from reputable vendors as they may offer discounts or free shipping (www.bn.com , www.amazon.com or even www.half.com)
- Read together and discuss the reading/assignment your child is assigned
- Become familiar with the reading topic and offer opinions/suggestions
- Create a routine and set aside time to read together
- Use the internet to become familiar with authors and styles
- Help your child define words s/he may not understand
- Offer space and time at home so friends may read together
- Ask questions: what did you learn from reading this page or this book?
- Provide audio book options for reluctant readers (ex. Audible)
- Provide snacks, computer time, chargers, iPads, Tablets, etc. NOTE:

SUMMER READING DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MLA WEBSITE FOR YOUR
CONVENIENCE

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DIRECTIONS

Directions: Find the reading selection according to the grade level for the 2022-23 school year. We recommend you build a schedule of readings. Try one or two chapters a week and move on from there. If the reading is not challenging, move ahead. If you find that you must slow the process by looking up words and phrases, then take it easy. After all, you have all summer. If the child is challenged by small print or lacks reading stamina, try books on an E-Book and zoom in or use Audible. Many options will offer student discounts for the first book.

Once you have read the novel, students will complete two assignment to complete (on the website). There will be two assignments for both Middle School and two for High School students. Turn in your assignments in to your English teacher the first week of school. Be sure to include your name, date, title and author of the novel you read.

The assignment should be creative and innovative, to showcase the comprehension and analytical ability of the student.

If a parent or student has an issue with the chosen novel for their grade level and does not feel comfortable reading it, there are alternate texts available. The same assignment choice will apply.

During the first week of school, there will be class discussions and various activities that your teacher may assign for a later date. Remember that these assignments will constitute the first two grades for the first nine weeks of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Bella Martinez Language Arts Chairperson at Bmartinez@materlakes.org

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