



Summer Reading

for students entering 7th grade

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IT'S VACATION! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

Learning and Reading researchers continually trumpet the fact that reading is the single most effective activity to prevent summer learning loss (a.k.a. the Summer Slump). Studies show that students who read as few as six books during the summer months gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the preceding school year, while students who don't read during the summer may fall back as much as a grade level in their skills.



REQUIRED SUMMER READING and ASSIGNMENTS

for soon-to-be 7th graders

Required Reading and Assignment:

In preparation for our study of ancient Greece, please read Tales of the Greek Heroes by Roger Lancelyn Green. (Penguin Classics, ISBN 978-0-141-32528-6)

After June 15, check Mr. Mahoney's faculty webpage for instructions on reading assignments for this book.



Reader's Choice and Assignment:

In addition, choose and read a novel (approximately 200 words) that interests you. On a sheet of standard paper, create a new cover for this novel. Be prepared to talk about your selection during the first week of class in August.

SPANISH STUDENTS:

Read Patricia va a California by Blaine Ray and write a short essay about this book in Spanish. (If you did not do so before the end of school, please stop by the St. Francis School office and purchase the book for \$6.)

Reading is fun, but it's also good for your continued intellectual growth — you have to exercise the muscle between your ears to keep it strong, toned, and ready for heavy lifting in the fall.

