

LIBERTY'S SUMMER READING EXPECTATIONS

We are very excited to meet you next year! We are serious about helping our students achieve academic success. In order to prepare for the new school year, we encourage you and your student to enjoy reading a book or two together.

WHY SHOULD I READ OVER THE SUMMER?

- Continue critical thinking skills from one year to the next
- Introduce the connections, themes and skills that will be discussed during the first unit of the school year
- Build reading stamina
- Build vocabulary
- Create independence in reading
- Increase the love of reading

WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO OVER THE SUMMER?

Students will be expected to read one book and complete a 2-column quote response over the summer. If you are not able to complete the book and assignment over the summer then an alternate assignment will be given on the first day of school.

WHAT SHOULD I READ OVER THE SUMMER?

Below are **examples to suggest reading level and length** that would be appropriate for this assignment regardless of grade:

- The Percy Jackson Series by Riordan
- The Harry Potter Series by Rowling
- Oliver Twist by Dickens
- My Side of the Mountain by George
- The Hunger Games Series by Collins
- The Hobbit by Tolkien
- The Maze Runner by Dashner
- Emma by Austen
- Esperanza Rising by Ryan

You DO NOT need to choose from this list of books, instead choose a book that will interest and challenge you as a reader!

READING ASSIGNMENT:

While you read, focus on the *themes* that you can identify throughout the book. Theme is defined as a central idea or an underlying meaning of a literary work. In addition, the term means a message or lesson learned.

For example, the theme of “The Tortoise and the Hare” could be slow and steady wins the race or perseverance leads to success.

On a separate piece of paper create a 2-column quote response to keep track of the possible themes found in your book(s) you read this summer. There should be a minimum of 6 quotes from the text, not just dialogue.

Theme Statement:

Quote and page number	Explain how the quote supports the theme
“But the hare’s last leap was just too late, for the tortoise had beaten him to the winning post.” p. 1	In the end perseverance paid off when the tortoise left the hare behind and won the race. The connection to the theme is relevant because of the unexpected ending showing that slow and steady wins or perseverance beats speed.

These quote responses will be used during the first week of school, so be sure to bring them with you along with the book that you read.

Remember, if you are unable to complete a book and the assignment before school starts, then an alternate assignment will be given on the first day of school.

Thank you and happy reading!