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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we have just wrapped up the 2019 school year, we are busily preparing for the 2020 school year and wanted to share some Summer Work expectations with you and your student(s).

There are several attachments with this letter. The first one details the Summer Reading project that all students are expected to complete. The second one, entitled "Summer Reading List, Grades 6-8" lists several books for students to review. They should select one book from the list and complete the activities for the project.

Next, there are some math opportunities for your students to review this summer, should they desire to keep up on their skills. We always recommend that students spend about 30 minutes each day reviewing math skills over the summer.

The final attachment outlines additional reading suggestions for your child. As you know, continuing to read each day has multiple benefits for children (and adults, alike!). Please encourage your child to read as much as he/she can this summer.

We are really excited for next school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any questions.

Thanks very much,

Joy Campbell

## Summer Reading - Dickinson MYP

DUE DATE: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

**Directions:** Read a book from the lists provided. Complete three activities in a row (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally). **\*\* 7th and 8th graders should not choose *ghost*, as you have already read it last summer.\*\***

**Book:**

**Author:**

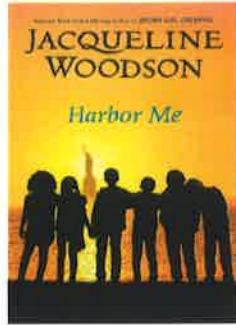
<p>Draw and label a map of the setting (or settings) of your book. Describe the setting and how it affected the story.</p>	<p>Find the Top 10 web sites a character in your book would most frequently visit. Include 2-3 sentences for each on why your character likes each of the sites.</p>	<p>Develop a soundtrack to accompany your novel. It must include 5 songs and have a paragraph to explain why you chose each song.</p>										
<p>Make an illustrated time line sequencing 10 important events that happened in the book. Give an explanation (one sentence) of each event.</p>	<p>Design a poster persuading others to read the book. Include interesting details about the book that would make other people want to read it.</p>	<p>Write a different ending (1 page) to your story. This should change what happened in the resolution of the book.</p>										
<p>Describe how your main character displayed at least 3 of the following traits::</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Communicator</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Caring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inquirer</td> <td>Risk-taker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Knowledgeable</td> <td>Balanced</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Principled</td> <td>Open-Minded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thinker</td> <td>Reflective</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Use evidence from the story to explain your reasoning.</p>	Communicator	Caring	Inquirer	Risk-taker	Knowledgeable	Balanced	Principled	Open-Minded	Thinker	Reflective	<p>Write a 1-page letter to the author telling him/her why you liked the book or why you didn't like the book. Give 3 valid reasons for your opinion with text evidence for support. Include what you think should have been done differently in the story, or how the author could have written it differently.</p>	<p>Create a comic strip to highlight the important events in the book. Make sure the dialogue is realistic for the characters</p>
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- Adapted from Springfield Public Schools

In order to find "your book," please consider one of these grade-level suggestions, or review the "SUMMER READING LIST, GRADES 6-8" document included. There is no requirement for which book you need to read. The expectation is that you read one book and complete the activities detailed previously for that book. Of course, we would love for you to keep reading all summer long!

### Grade-Specific recommended books

6th grade: *Harbor Me* by Jaqueline Woodson



7th grade: *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes



8th grade: *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine



# SUMMER READING LIST

## GRADES 6-8

### All Summer Long

**by Hope Larson**  
Farar, Straus, & Giroux, 2018,  
ISBN: 9780374304850  
Bina's expectations for summer are upended, leading to new experiences and self-discovery.

### Amal Unbound

**by Aisha Saeed**  
Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018,  
ISBN: 9780395446822  
A powerful story about a young Pakistani girl forced into indentured servitude.

### Ashes to Asheville

**by Sarah Dooley**  
Puhann, 2017, ISBN:  
9780399165047  
Fella and her sister, Zany, take their deceased mother's ashes and run away to Asheville—the last place they were happy as a family—where they hope to scatter them as per her wishes.

### Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows

**by Ryan Calejo**  
Aladdin, 2018, ISBN:  
9781534426580  
Charlie is drawn into an ancient battle between good and evil when figures from the Latino myths his abuela told him suddenly appear in the real world—and his body begins to grow horns and feathers!

### Countdown: 2979 Days to the Moon

**by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Thomas Gladez**  
Peachtree, 2018, ISBN:  
9781682630136

Follow the U.S. space program's triumphs and setbacks, from President Kennedy's challenge to the nation in 1963 to its fulfillment with the first man on the moon.

### Dove Arising

**by Karen Bao**  
Viking, 2015, ISBN:  
9780451469014

Quiet, introverted Phaei Theta keeps to herself, but when her mother is arrested, she must find her courage and enlist in the Moon's militia to free her mom and save her siblings. First in a series.

### Ghost

**by Jason Reynolds**  
Atheneum/Caitlyn Drouhy Books,  
2016, ISBN: 9781481450157

Ghost is trying to outrun his tumultuous past while winning races on his new track team; will he learn what it takes to succeed and overcome his troubles? First in a series.

### Ghost Boys

**by Jewell Parker Rhodes**  
Little, Brown, 2018, ISBN:  
9780316262286

Jerome, a twelve-year-old boy, is killed by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real weapon. As a ghost, Jerome witnesses the calamity that comes to his community in the aftermath of his death, and he meets the ghost of Emmet Till, who helps him understand better the systematic racism that lead to both of their deaths.

### Harbor Me

**by Jacqueline Woodson**  
Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018,  
ISBN: 9780399252525

A group of middle-school students come together under the direction of an inspiring teacher to share stories and appreciate their differences.

### Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition

**by Margot Lee Shetterly**  
HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN:  
9780062662385

This is the young readers' edition of Shetterly's acclaimed nonfiction book about four African American women mathematicians at NASA whose work helped send the first astronaut into space.

### It All Comes Down to This

**by Karen English**  
Clarion, 2017, ISBN:  
9780544839571

In Los Angeles during the summer of 1965, Sophie, an upper-middle-class African American girl, learns some hard truths about her family, about friendship, and about racism.

### Love, Ish

**by Karen Rivers**  
Algonquin Young Readers, 2017,  
ISBN: 9781616205706

Mischa "Ish" Love's dreams of escaping life in her small town and living on Mars one day are threatened by a sudden illness.

### Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish

**by Pablo Cartaya**  
Viking, 2018, ISBN:  
9781101997260

Marcus just wants to help his single mom get by and protect his brother from bullies, but he creates more problems than he solves. His mother decides a trip to visit family in Puerto Rico is just the thing they need.

### Merci Suárez Changes Gears

**by Meg Medina**  
Candlewick Press, 2018, ISBN:  
9780376369046

Sixth-grader Merci faces challenges as a scholar-ship

student at her fancy private school, while at home, her beloved grandfather has begun to act strangely. Can Merci navigate all these changes?

### The Night Diary

**by Veera Hiranandani**  
Koida, 2018, ISBN:  
9780735228511

A gripping story of one family's flight from Pakistan during the partition of India in 1947, as told by twelve-year-old Nisha to her diary.

### Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword

**by Henry Lien**  
Henry Holt, 2018, ISBN:  
9781250165695

Peasprout and her brother, Cricket, are accepted into Pearl Famous Academy of Skate and Sword to study. Wu Liu, martial arts figure skater, high-stakes competitor, political intrigue, and more await them.

### Piecing Me Together

**by Renee Watson**  
Bloomsbury, 2017, ISBN:  
9781681191058

Jade is an "at-risk" student from a poor neighborhood in Portland, Oregon, who struggles to find her voice amid conflicting pressures. Allusions to collage art and the themes of making yourself out of the pieces of your life elevate this coming-of-age story.

### The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life

**by Kwame Alexander, photographs by Thai Neave**  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017,  
ISBN: 9780544570979

Mixing poetry, photography, and inspiring stories from athletes and other role models, this book

shares life lessons and advice for overcoming obstacles.

### Putting Peace First: 7 Commitments to Change the World

**by Erte Dowson**  
Viking, 2018, ISBN:  
9781101997338

Learn how to make a difference in the world NOW with this step-by-step guide to putting your visions into practice.

### Sci-Fu

**by Yehudi Mercado**  
Oni Press, 2018, ISBN:  
9781620104729

It's 1980s Brooklyn, and Wax just scratched the perfect deal, attracting the attention of an evil alien robot who transports his family, best friend, and crush to the planet Discoopia, where Wax must master the art of Sci-Fu if he wants to fight the bad guys, save the universe, and get back to Earth.

### See You in the Cosmos

**by Jack Cheng**  
Dial Books, 2017, ISBN:  
9780399186370

Alex Petroski is on a mission to send a rocket into space with a recording on his iPod of what it's like to be human, just like his hero Carl Sagan. His journey takes him farther than he ever could have imagined.

### Space Battle Lunchtime, Vol. 1: Lights, Camera, Snacktime

**by Natalie Riess**  
Oni Press, 2016, ISBN:  
9781620103135

The competition is fierce on the universe's most popular reality TV cooking show, Space Battle

Lunchtime! Does Earth baker Penny have what it takes to win?

### The Stars Beneath Our Feet

**by David Barclay Moore**  
Knopf Books, 2017, ISBN:  
9781524701246

A boy tries to find himself and a community in his Harlem neighborhood in the wake of his brother's death.

### Us, in Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos

**by Lulu Delacre**  
HarperCollins, 2017, ISBN:  
9780062392145

A collection of short stories offering a refreshing and nuanced depiction of young Latinos growing up in the United States.

### The Witch Boy

**by Molly Knox Ostertag**  
Graphix, 2017, ISBN:  
9781338089623

In Aster's family, boys are shape-shifters and girls are witches—but Aster has always been more interested in witchcraft than shape-shifting. As Aster tries to remain true to himself, secrets about his family's past are unearthed. First in a series.



## SUMMER MATH OPPORTUNITIES

Students can play the Prodigy Game and log in with their google accounts. Log-in codes are listed below by grade level:

- Incoming 6th Graders: F60A72
- Incoming 7th Graders: DDA436

For engaging and open problem-solving, try some activities from [nRich Maths](https://nrich.maths.org/) (<https://nrich.maths.org/>) that are appropriate for the student's grade level. These are great to print and leave out for students to work through over a few days.

KenKen puzzles and 2048 are a lot of fun! Both have apps that can be downloaded to devices, and they are perfect for long car rides.

[Sheppard Software](https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm) (<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>) has a math section full of interactive math games. Students can focus on the sections labeled fractions, decimals, percents, and integers.

Finally, for more intensive grade-level content preparation, [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org/math/illustrative-math) (<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/illustrative-math>) content aligns to our curricular material (Illustrative Mathematics). Sixth graders might want to review sixth grade material and preview some seventh grade material; seventh grade students might want to review seventh grade material, and preview eighth grade material; and eighth graders should review eighth grade level content as they prepare to enter Algebra 1.

# Need a Book? Check out a List!

Below is a collection of websites that can serve as a jumping off point for your Summer Reading adventures. This is separate from the REQUIRED SUMMER READING for MYP.

**Disclaimer: These lists are extensive, so the individual books have not been vetted by staff. With that said, please do your research before reading.**

## Book Lists and Searches:

### GoodReads.com

This is a great website for finding books that fit your reading style. You can search by author or even other books that you have read that you've liked. There are also tons of lists that you can check out if you need some fresh ideas. The list below is one of their middle school lists.

[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/43.Best\\_Young\\_Adult\\_Books](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/43.Best_Young_Adult_Books)

### Scholastic's Top Picks for Middle Schoolers

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/book-list/favorites-classics/top-picks-middle-schoolers>

## Summer Reading Challenges: -

### Delaware Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

<https://lib.de.us/programs/summerreading/>

### Brightly Summer Reading Challenge

<http://assets.readbrightly.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/brightly-summer-reading-challenge-9-12.pdf>

## Other Resources:

### Common Sense Media

Concerned about content? Common Sense Media provides parent-friendly reviews of books, movies, video games, websites, apps, and television shows. This website provides age ratings and alerts parents if there is content that may need to be avoided or discussed.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/reviews>

# Happy Reading!