

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Hampton City Schools (HCS) has created several opportunities for reading development for this summer which are outlined below. This includes (1) required summer reading, (2) optional Summer Book Club Zoom Gaming Events, and (3) optional, but highly recommended, skills review packets. HCS encourages students and their families to continue reading through the summer months. Students who read during the summer place themselves in a strong position for a successful start to the school year.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING

HCS requires all students who will be in the 6th through 8th grade to participate in summer reading. A required reading list has been created to support collaboration when students return to school while also giving students choice. Students will choose to read one book (according to their grade level) from the required summer reading list below. All required books may be accessed through the Literacy Pro online platform using the attached directions. Hard copies of the required books are also available at the Hampton Public Library. The required Summer reading should be completed by September 17, 2021. Teachers will begin the new school year with discussions and activities related to the summer reading. Students are encouraged to maintain a reading log and choose activities from a [digital choice board \(https://bit.ly/3ceLIYk\)](https://bit.ly/3ceLIYk).

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REQUIRED SUMMER READING LIST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS

Rising 6th Grade

<i>Endangered</i> by Eliot Schrefer	Fiction
<i>Through the Looking Glass</i> by Lewis Carroll	Fiction
<i>The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Fogg</i> by Rodman Philbrick	Fiction
<i>Super Schnoz and the Invasion of the Snore Snatchers</i> by Gary Urey	Fiction
<i>Slippery Slime</i> by Cody Crane Project: Making Slime	Nonfiction/Summer Book Club Gaming selection

Rising 7th Grade

<i>All of the Above</i> by Shelley Pearsall	Fiction
<i>Dear Dumb Diary: Am I the Princess or the Frog?</i> by Jim Benton	Fiction
<i>White Fang</i> by Jack London	Fiction
<i>Cruisers: A Star is Born</i> by Walter Dean Myers	Fiction

<i>Photosynthesis</i> by Scholastic Project Growing Flowers/Plants	Nonfiction/Summer Book Club Gaming selection
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Rising 8th Grade

<i>Out of the Dust</i> by Karen Hesse	Fiction
<i>The Jungle Book</i> by Rudyard Kipling	Fiction
<i>The Time Machine</i> by H. G. Wells	Fiction
<i>Freaks</i> by Kieran Larwood	Fiction
<i>Get in Shape: Two-Dimensional and Three-Dimensional Shapes</i> by Rob Colson Project: Make Custom Kites	Nonfiction/Summer Book Club Gaming selection

SUMMER BOOK CLUB ZOOM GAMING EVENTS (optional)

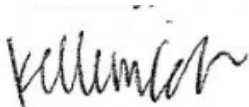
The Summer Book Club Zoom Gaming event for the pre-selected grade-level novel identified on the Required Summer Reading List for Middle School Language Arts above is a fun learning activity centered around the book of choice along with an enjoyable, teacher-supported project. Summer Book Club Zoom Gaming events will take place on July 28 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM and on August 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Students who would like to participate in the Zoom Gaming meetings will need to pre-register using this [Google Form \(https://bit.ly/3uRqKoO\)](https://bit.ly/3uRqKoO) as space is limited. Individual students will be contacted with the Zoom Gaming event link via email and students can pick up their project kits from their home schools.

REVIEW SKILLS PACKETS (optional, but highly recommended)

Furthermore, [skill review packets](https://bit.ly/34KRTz2) have been developed to provide resources for families over the summer (<https://bit.ly/34KRTz2>). While this is not mandatory, it is highly recommended as teachers will begin the year by discussing and reviewing these skills.

Additional information regarding support for summer reading can be found on the [Hampton City Schools Virtual Summer Learning page for Middle School Language Arts. \(https://bit.ly/3yX2SmV\)](https://bit.ly/3yX2SmV) If you have any questions about summer reading, please feel free to contact your child's school or the Hampton City Schools Language Arts Department at 757-727-2485. Have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,



Dr. Kelli Cedo,
HCS Curriculum Leader for English Language Arts

How Students Log Into Literacy Pro

1. Go to your Clever portal.



2. Select "Scholastic."



3. Select "Literacy Pro."



4. Select "Search."



5. Type the title of your book into the search box.



6. Once your book appears, select Read Now.



7. From this screen you can:

- Enlarge or decrease the size of the pages
- Highlight the text
- Take notes
- Move between pages



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