



2017-2018 Linton Hall School

8th Grade Summer Work Assignments

Math

Your child is receiving a summer math workbook. All studies have shown that, on average, students who do NOT work on math through the summer lose approximately two months of knowledge and skills. Have your child do a little each day, and she/he will not find the work a burden. I am expecting all students to complete **even numbers only** on each page. The work is due by **Friday August 25th**. I will be selecting random problems to record as an assessment **grade** for the 1st quarter of the next school year.

Your child's math binder from this past year is an excellent resource.

Students are expected to show all the calculations needed to arrive at the answer. If additional paper is needed, the workbook page number and problem number should be clearly labeled. The paper(s) must be included with the workbook when turned in on **August 25th**. Circle all your answers and keep the work neat! Illegible problems will be marked incorrect.

Language Arts

Prepare a "Book Talk" to be given upon your return from summer break.

A book talk includes: a title, author, a summary of the plot, your favorite passage (to be read aloud), 5 interesting or challenging vocabulary words with definitions and a recommendation to your classmates to either read the book or skip it - with reasons for your recommendation.

This does not need to be in writing, however, you must be well-prepared to present it in class. You may use notes/note cards. Your talk should be 3 - 5 minutes long. Please bring a copy of the book to school.

*8th grade will read a **mandatory** book as follows:



To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

*Take notes to recall characters, story, and interesting or challenging vocabulary. Be prepared to answer some questions about the book upon your return from summer break.



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ALSO read a book of their choice from the following.



Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery

Redwall – Jacques

Merlin – The Lost Years – Barron

The Story of Dr. Doolittle – Lofting

Brian's Winter – Paulsen

Little Women – Alcott

Fever 1793 – Anderson

Artemis Fowl – Colfer

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Taylor

Night – Wiesel



Walk Two Moons – Creech

White Fang – London

Diary of Anne Frank – Frank

To Kill a Mockingbird – Lee

When You Reach Me – Stead

The City of Ember – DuPrau

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman

The Wednesday Wars – Schmidt





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The Maze Runner - Dashner

The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Selznick

Al Capone Does My Shirts - Choldenko

Out of the Dust - Hesse

Matilda - Dahl

Chasing Vermeer - Balliett

Cinder - Meyer

Peter and the StarCatchers - Barry/Pearson

Dear America books - Various Authors

Be: The Journey of Rol - Colegrove



A Mango-Shaped Space - Mass

Mrs. Perrigrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Riggs

A Single Shard - Park

The Egypt Game - Snyder/Raible

Heat - Lupica

Jefferson's Sons - Bradley

Hero - Lupica

Sea of Trolls - Farmer

The Island of Dr. Libris - Grabenstein

Mr. Lemoncello's Library - Grabenstein

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics - Grabenstein

Dragonwings - Yep

A Single Shard - Park

Seesaw Girl - Park

(You may also read other books by the authors in the above selections.)