

Virginia Beach Friends School Middle School Summer Reading 2019

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Joseph Addison

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy Summer! Congratulations on a successful year. To keep everyone's reading skills sharp during the coming weeks, Friends Middle School students have been assigned summer reading.

Choose any two fiction or nonfiction books, as long as they meet the following guidelines:

→Books should be at least 150 pages

→Books should be at a middle school reading level (or above)

→Books should be "new to you," not ones you've read before

For each book, students should complete **one activity** from the list

below.

Summer Reading Activities:

- *Create a list of five questions to ask the main character in the book. Then, answer the questions as you think the main character would.*
- *Draw a portrait of one of the main characters. Use captions to explain why he/she looks and dresses like they do.*
- *Create a comic strip that explains the story in your own words. Make sure the comic strip includes the main character, the setting, the problem/conflict, and the solution.*
- *Create a playlist of 7-10 songs that you think best represent the book. Be sure to explain why you chose each song.*
- *Write a book review.*
- *Design your own book cover.*
- *Draw a fake "Facebook" page for one of the characters in the book. Be sure to include groups the character would join, at least three status updates, and five people the character would friend. Give a brief explanation why you chose the groups and friends you did.*

Reading activities are due by Monday, September 16th

Please feel free to contact me at Megan@vbfschool.org, if you have any questions.

Best wishes, Megan Murphy

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Parents and Students,

Summer is upon us and it is time for relaxing and fun in the sun! Here at VBFS we want our students to enjoy their summer vacation, but also continue to keep in place the skills they have attained this school year. Summer reading is an integral part of maintaining those skills for the upcoming school year.

Many studies have shown that students who do not read, or read infrequently, over the summer break may experience the dreaded “summer slide”- a decline in skills. In order to prevent that, it is recommended that middle school students have at least 30 minutes of reading each day. These dedicated reading times can include many different types of reading material such as newspapers, letters, online material and of course books!

Let’s help our Middle School students not become “rusty readers”, by encouraging them to complete their required summer reading before the new school year. Below is a list of local Summer Reading Program links that may be helpful and fun for the students to participate in.

Summer Reading Programs

- Virginia Beach Public Library (June 10th-August 10th)

<https://vbpl.beanstack.org>

- Norfolk Public Library
<https://www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org>
- Chesapeake Summer Reading Program (July 1st- Aug 11th)
<https://chesapeake.beanstack.org>
- Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program (May - September)
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading>
- Books-a-Million Summer Reading Program (mid-May - Summer)
<https://www.booksamillion.com/summeradventure>

Thank you and have a great summer!

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