



VIRGINIA BEACH
FRIENDS SCHOOL

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Rising 5th-8th Graders Summer Enrichment 2020/21

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy Summer! Congratulations on a successful year. To keep everyone's reading and math skills sharp during the coming weeks, Friends Middle School students have been assigned summer reading and summer math activities. Please feel free to contact either of us at Megan@vbfschool.org or Gabby@vbfschool.org if you have any questions. Best wishes, Megan Murphy, Virginia Beach Friends School, Middle School English Teacher and Gabby Adams, Middle School Math Teacher

Expected Literacy and Math Enrichment Activities

Summer Reading

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

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.

Reading activities are due by Tuesday, September 15th

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.

Summer Math Enrichment

This summer we will be using the online program CK12. This platform offers helpful hints while working through topics and skills we have learned over this year. The expectation is for these assignments to be completed over the summer to maintain knowledge moving into next year. I would expect your student to be working on average 2-3 days a week for about 30 minutes at a time. Below are the instructions for signing in and getting started on the summer assignments.

- Start by going to www.ck12.org

- Click 
- Click 
- Use your school Google login information
- Answer the questions as they pop up
- Click "Classes" from the bar at the top



- Use the code for the class you took **this year**.

Singapore 4	Singapore 5	Singapore 6	Pre-Algebra
1npbk	16504	21w5y	ag96x

- Once you've joined the class, go to Assignments on the right.
- Work through the assignments at your pace. Feel free to use the "Get a Hint" button at the bottom of some questions.
- There are also notes and videos available for each lesson. To get to them, click "STOP FOR NOW" at the top right of the practice. Scroll down and there will be links to the notes and videos at the bottom.
- You can also review your answers and see the correct answers by scrolling down on this page.
- Don't forget to hit "TURN IN" after you complete each lesson.
- Some of these lessons may be very easy, while others take a little more thought. Just do your best on each one.
- Feel free to click around and explore in your subject area. These are lessons that I want you to be comfortable with before school starts, not the content we will learn through the year. If you want to get a jump start, try out some of the unassigned lessons.
- I also **highly** encourage that you practice math multiplication facts. Here is a website that has plenty of games to use as practice.
<https://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

Additional Optional Enrichment Activities Including Library

Summer Reading Programs:

- Scholastic Summer Read-a-Palooza: Go to [Scholastic.com/homebase](https://www.scholastic.com/homebase) and create an account for your child. Scholastic Home Base is a fun, safe, and completely free online destination where kids can create their own avatar, interact with their favorite Scholastic characters, play games, and read books! **May 4, 2020 - September 4, 2020.**
- Virginia Beach Public Library Summer Reading Challenge: to log your reading go to https://vbpl.beanstack.com/users/sign_in and register. Participate in weekly enrichment activities to keep your brain sharp through fun activity badges. Each week, readers that complete 3 activities will unlock the activity badge and be entered to win coupons to food venues that offer drive-through or takeout. The coupons will be mailed to each winner's home until the Library buildings reopen.

Book suggestions from the Librarian:

5th grade

- “I am the Ice Worm” by MaryAnn Easley. This story is a sort of female main character version of Gary Paulsen’s “Hatchet”. Perfect for the kid who loves adventure and wilderness stories.
- “The Secret Garden” by Frances Hodgson Burnett is a story of an orphan girl who discovers the many secrets of a mansion on the British Moors. This is a perfect book for kids who love classic tales.
- “Maniac Magee” by Jerry Spinelli is a book about a homeless orphan who makes his mark in a town divided by racism. This is a great book for students who love realism.

6th grade

- “The Chronicles of Narnia” by C.S. Lewis is a 7 book series about children in the real world who are transported to the magical land of Narnia. It is perfect for the student who loves adventure and series books.
- “Walk Two Moons” by Sharon Creech is a story about a young girl who shares imaginary tales with her grandparents while traveling. She must also confront feelings about her estranged mother.
- “The Outsiders” by S.E. Hinton is a classic story about a boy called Ponyboy, who is a greaser during the 1950s. This book follows the trials and tribulations of his life, his family and his friends. A great story for kids who love gritty realistic fiction.

7th grade

- “The Friendship War” by Andrew Clements is a book about two best friends who find themselves pitted against each other. This book is great for students to learn the value of friendship.
- “Song for a Whale” by Lynne Kelly is a novel about a 12 year old born deaf who feels lonely and isolated until she finds out about Blue 55, a whale that is unable to communicate with other whales. This is a great coming of age story about overcoming obstacles and finding connections with others.
- “Shouting at the Rain” by Lynda Mullaly Hunt is a story about a girl named Delsie and her attempts to deal with loss, belonging and her quest to finally find a “regular family”.

8th grade

- “Amal Unbound” by Aisha Saeed is a story about a young girl from Pakistan who is forced to work as an indentured servant for a rich family. This story focuses on finding the strength and courage to stand up for injustice.
- “Harbor Me” by Jaqueline Woodson is a story about students who meet in a room to share during the school year. The story follows their progress as they break down their walls and begin to discuss their lives and hardships with one another.

- “The Lifters” by Dave Eggers is a story about two children who discover a magical doorway that leads to a labyrinth of tunnels underneath their town. They must figure out a way to save the world from the magical forces that threaten it.

Note from the Librarian:

These are all just title suggestions, of course any book that you can get your hands on is good too, whether new or old! It is suggested that you read 30 minutes a day in order to maintain the skills that you have built upon in the school year. Reading not only keeps your brain active but it also increases your knowledge, vocabulary and thinking skills. I cannot wait to read more with you in the upcoming year and I hope you have a wonderful, reading filled, summer break!

-Teacher Courtney