

Summer Reading 2021

Students Entering Grade 8

Please read the instructions carefully.

The following is a list of the required summer reading for 7th graders entering the 8th grade. Please make sure the reading assignments have been completed by the second Monday after returning to school. Do not procrastinate. Please keep in mind that all of us need to work on our reading comprehension skills, and reading is the only way to do it. **In addition, at the beginning of the year several assignments will be based on the content of your summer reading, so please be sure to read.** No excuses.

Nothing can replace the experience of reading an actual book, but if you cannot get your hands on one, then PDFs may be available online as well as audio recordings. Do not just listen to a book; to benefit from this learning experience, you must view the actual words as they are being read to you. Lastly, remember don't limit yourselves to just these books. Refer to the Shrewsbury Public Schools Summer Reading Lists (online) for suggestions. Divide your time between fictional and non-fictional literature. Most importantly, I hope you will concentrate on the developing a close connection with the Quran, Allah's book.

New Kid (author, illustrator - Jerry Craft)

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

The Pearl (author - John Steinbeck)

Like his father and grandfather before him, Kino is a poor diver, gathering pearls from the gulf beds that once brought great wealth to the Kings of Spain and now provide Kino, Juana, and their infant son with meager subsistence. Then, on a day like any other, Kino emerges from the sea with a pearl as large as a sea gull's egg, as "perfect as the moon." With the pearl comes hope, the promise of comfort and of security....

And Then There Were None (author - Agatha Christie)

Agatha Christie's world-famous mystery thriller, involves ten strangers, apparently with little in common, who are lured to an island mansion off the coast of Devon by the mysterious U.N. Owen. Over dinner, a record begins to play, and the voice of an unseen host accuses each person of hiding a guilty secret. That evening, former reckless driver Tony Marston is found murdered by a deadly dose of cyanide. The tension escalates as the survivors realize the killer is not only among them but is preparing to strike again and again!

Activity: Vocabulary

As you read the mystery novel, keeping track of the many characters in your mind becomes challenging. **Record the name of each main character**, including a characterization, **the crime they are accused of committing**, including the circumstances, **and how they are punished**. On a Google Doc, record every unfamiliar vocabulary word (expect the list to be long), its page number, and part of speech.

Surah Al-Hujurat

Surah Al-Nahl

Surah Al-Ma'diah

Surah Al-Imran

Please read these chapters in Arabic and English. On a Google Doc, record 5 similarities and/or differences.

Have a fun and safe summer, God-willing!