

TCS

SUMMER READING 2021

☀️ SUMMER OF CHOICE ☀️

It's time for summer reading! You made progress in your instruction during one of the most difficult years, and because of this, it is even more important to keep the momentum going! As we come to the end of another school year and anticipate some much deserved downtime, our goal for our students is to keep their minds active and engaged over the summer! Research strongly supports that students who read consistently avoid the traditional summer slide. Regular practice in reading literature affords each learner the opportunity to strengthen his/her skills as well as prepare for future learning this fall. The research also says that students need choice.

What is the expectation? All students will select a fiction or nonfiction chapter novel to read. Texts should be within the students' reading ability. The websites listed below, along with guidance from Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Griffith can help students select a "just-right" text---a text that is not too difficult, but one that challenges the student.

Where do we get the book? While it is helpful, it is certainly not required that students purchase their text. Local libraries are the best; we also have a small library here at TCS!

Will there be an assignment? We will begin the year with a summer reading book talk, whereby students will work in class on a google slides presentation to deliver to their small group learning communities. We encourage the practice of text-annotation through post-it notes and ask students to please complete the graphic organizer provided. This will be the first grade, as we would like students to not only enjoy reading but know that we think it is important to do!

How do students select appropriate titles to read? Research shows that managed academic choice in reading serves students most effectively. Below are author suggestions and websites meant to assist students in appropriate text selection.

Suggestions to assist in choice:

- Select a genre of interest to the student (i.e. mystery, historical fiction, memoir,)
- Select a topic or theme that interests the student.
- Select a non-fiction text that relates to a hobby or career in which the student has interest.
- Select a book by an author which a student has enjoyed reading in the past.
- Select a book by a similar author or about similar topics they have previously enjoyed.
- Select a book that is completely new to the student! Help students by broadening their horizons!

Websites to Help You

- We Need Diverse Books: <https://diversebooks.org/programs/>
- NPR's 100 Must Reads For Kids Ages 9-15 The Printable List: <https://www.npr.org/2013/08/05/207953619/100-must-reads-for-kids-9-14-the-printable-list>
- Young Adult Library Services Association: <https://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklists>
- American Library System <https://libguides.ala.org/recommended-reading/YA-teens>

- NCTE Young Adult Literature Book Recommendations

<https://ncte.org/blog/2018/04/2018-book-recommendations-ya-adult-fiction/>

Questions? Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Wright will check their emails throughout the summer!

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We encourage and expect you to take summer reading seriously as it continues your growth as a learner and thinker! Be sure to keep in touch by checking the 2021 Summer Reading Google Classroom throughout the summer. We hope you have a happy, healthy, and safe summer!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Griffith & Mrs. Wright