

Riversprings Middle School

Summer Reading 2012



Students often lose ground academically during summer months. Reading can help prevent this loss. The Summer Reading Program is designed to challenge, motivate and engage students to help them get the practice research shows they need during their time away from school.

How Does It Work?

Students will read the book listed for their **upcoming** grade, complete the response sheet, and turn it in to their reading teacher when they return in August. At that time, students will also take an AR test on the book they read. Grade/credit for this assignment will be posted in their reading class. (Completing the response sheet will also assist students in reviewing to pass the AR test.) This book will count towards students' AR goal as well as their personal "words-read" count goal. Teachers may also use the assigned book to teach lessons during the first 2 to 3 weeks of class.

Grade level books:

- Grade 6 - The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo by Jean Craighead George
- Grade 7 - Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
- Grade 8 - Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

In addition, students are encouraged to read any of the **2012-2013** Sunshine State Young Reader Award books which are listed on the back of this sheet. Students complete a book response form for each book read and can take an AR test on the book to add to their AR goal and word count.

Additional book response sheets can be printed from the school website:

<http://www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/rms/>

What Do You Need to Do?

1. Encourage your child to participate in the Summer Reading Program.
2. Obtain a copy of the required book.
 - **Books are available to be checked out from the school office** or purchase them from Amazon.com, local bookstores, or possibly Walmart. Share with a friend.
 - You may visit the public library but realize that copies will be limited due to budget constraints.
3. Follow-up with your student to assure that he/she is reading the book.
4. Have your child complete the book response form (available from the school website and in the school's main office).
5. Encourage your child to read additional books from the Sunshine State Young Reader Award List. Set a reading goal for the summer.

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Book List for 2012-2013

How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-sized Trophy by Crystal Allen

An unforgettable story of one boy's struggle to win his family's respect and get the girl of his dreams while playing the sport he loves.

Wild Things by Clay Carmichael

A headstrong girl. A stray cat. A wild boy. A man who plays with fire. Eleven-year-old Zoe trusts no one. Then one decisive night, she and the boy risk everything in a reckless act of heroism.

Happenstance Found by P. W. Catanese

Hap's and Umber's journeys take them to the corrupt kingdom of Sarnica, where Umber's nemesis has acquired some dragon eggs. Umber wants to study a new magical species, but what starts as a quest for knowledge turns into a dangerous rescue operation.

90 Miles to Havana by Enrique Flores-Galbis

When Julian's parents make the heartbreaking decision to send him and his two brothers away from Cuba to Miami via the Pedro Pan operation, the boys are thrust into a new world where bullies run rampant and it's not always clear how best to protect themselves.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

It takes a graveyard to raise a child. Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be *completely* normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead.

Hide and Seek by Katy Grant

Fourteen-year-old Chase loves geocaching, a sort of a treasure hunting game involving a GPS. While on a geocaching expedition, he encounters two young brothers, camping in the wilderness with their father. Something's not right; that much he can tell. He's curious enough to return repeatedly, to figure out what's going on and how he can help.

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tommy Greenwald

Charlie Joe Jackson may be the most reluctant reader ever born. And so far, he's managed to get through life without ever reading an entire book from cover to cover. But now that he's in middle school, avoiding reading isn't easy.

The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

Gecko, Terence, and Ajay are serving time in juvenile detention centers until they get a second chance. Douglas Healy, a former juvenile delinquent himself, takes them into his halfway house, hoping to make a difference in their lives.

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Park, Linda Sue

Two young people . . . two stories. One country: Sudan. This mesmerizing dual narrative follows two threads—one unfolding in 2008 and one in 1985—with one hopeful message: that even in a troubled country, determined survivors may find the future they are hoping for.

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson

Yes, it's true: Daniel X is special. *X-traordinarily* special. He may be just a kid, but Daniel is strong enough to fight anything in the world. And it's a good thing, because not many guys you meet have a host of deadly criminals hunting them to the ends of the Earth. And none of them are *extraterrestrials*.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick

Twelve-year-old orphan Homer runs away from Pine Swamp, Maine, to find his older brother, Harold, who has been sold into the Union Army. With laugh-aloud humor, Homer outwits and outruns a colorful assortment of civil War-era thieves, scallywags, and spies as he makes his way south, following clues that finally lead him to Gettysburg.

My Fairy Godmother by Janette Rollison

Finding your one true love can be a Grimm experience! After her boyfriend dumps her for her older sister, sophomore Savannah Delano wishes she could find a true prince to take her to the prom.

Lost in the River of Grass by Ginny Rorby

A science-class field trip to the Everglades is supposed to be fun, but Sarah's new at Glades Academy, and her fellow freshmen aren't exactly making her feel welcome. When an opportunity for an unauthorized side trip on an airboat presents itself, it seems like a perfect escape—an afternoon without feeling like a sore thumb.

The Trouble with Half a Moon by Danette Vegilante

Thirteen year old Dellie lives with the guilt that her little brother's death was her fault. Her mother cries all the time and because she wants Dellie to stay safe, she keeps her inside as much as she can.

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach by Brenda Woods

The gripping story of a boy, a dog and a hurricane.