

Simpson Middle School Summer Reading

Hello, and Happy Summer:

Research has demonstrated that no other activity has the potential to promote student success and improve quality of life than reading. Parents who foster a love of reading in their children give them advantages over their peers who don't read: increased empathy, expanded vocabulary, developed analytical skills, and even heightened earning potential. * Please, at a minimum, encourage your student to complete the summer reading, but don't stop there! Take trips to the public library and create time and space for regular reading together as a family. For more information about the benefits of reading, check out this article: <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

Simpson Middle School is asking for students to pick a book or multiple books from the grade-level specific Springboard, grade-level appropriate texts, and log their minutes in Beanstack. Beanstack is our summer reading platform again this summer! It's like a "Fitbit for reading" and is available online and as an app. The Summer Reading Challenge will begin on June 1, 2024 and end on July 31, 2024.

Beanstack makes it easy to track everything students read, whether it's a book, e-book, audiobook, or even the back of the cereal box! Students can see everything they've read, share reading with friends, and keep their daily reading streak alive. Students are motivated to meet their reading goals with new reading challenges and virtual badges. **Rising 6th-grade students will need to use their elementary school login to access the program.**

Upcoming 8 th Grade Students	8th Grade Summer Reading
Upcoming 7 th Grade Students	7th Grade Summer Reading
Upcoming 6 th Grade Students	6th Grade Summer Reading

Summer Reading Assignment:

1. **SET A GOAL!** Current research says that students should be reading at least 20 minutes a day.
2. Read a text or texts from your grade level reading list.
3. As you read, log into Beanstack and record your minutes (please see Log Reading on the attached Beanstack Guide). ***Rising 6th-grade students will use their elementary school login to access the program.**
4. When finished reading the text, write a review (please see Write a Review on the attached Beanstack Guide).

Assignment:

1. **Record your minutes-** your ELA/Reading teachers will be able to check them at the beginning of August.
2. **Write a Review-** share why you like or did not like the book. Please do not just write why you liked or did not like your selection. Give at least THREE reasons why.
3. **Enjoy what you are reading.** You can choose from a wide variety of texts.

*If you are unable to access the Beanstack program, please record your minutes on a piece of paper.

