

Summer Reading Challenge 2017



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to summer and reading for pleasure! The faculty at Walton Middle School believes that reading is an important part of every student's life, a belief supported by research showing that "reading does tremendous things for the mind, influencing not only vocabulary and comprehension but also verbal fluency and general knowledge" (Cunningham and Stanovich, 1998). Reading over the summer, in particular, prevents students from losing the reading gains they make during the school year (Allington and McGill-Franzen, 2003).

Goals and Program

WMS sponsors a Summer Reading Program for all students entering grades 6-8. The goals of the program are to foster a love of reading, to promote independent reading and to ensure that your child's reading skills are maintained at their current level. This summer reading program is optional but strongly supported by our administration and teachers.

To participate in the Summer Reading Program, we require all students to **read a minimum of three books**: **two fiction books** from our Recommended Titles and Authors, Sunshine State Young Readers Award, Author or Fiction Super Series lists, and **one nonfiction book** from our Nonfiction Topics list. Fiction books must have at least 80 pages, and the nonfiction book must have at least 20 pages. Nonfiction eBooks will be available for students this year. (See the directions to access Walton Middle School eBooks on the following page.)

To complete the Summer Reading Program students will turn in **their Student Reading Record Log and one completed Reading Record for each of the three books they have read by Monday, August 28th to the Media Center**. If you should need additional copies of the Summer Reading Packet, you will be able to locate the link on our school homepage www.walton.k12.fl.us/schools/wms/INDEX.htm

Students who have read the required three books and completed the three Reading Records will celebrate their summer reading success with a splendid literacy celebration in October. This year's celebration promises to be the most exciting summer reading reward ever.

Finding the Books

The Walton County Library is aware of our Summer Reading Program and has a copy of the required reading list. If the library does not have the book you want, ask them to request it through their interlibrary loan system. We hope that our Summer Reading Program will give students and their families an opportunity to share and enjoy summer reading.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kip Baker
Literacy Leadership Team

Directions to access Walton Middle School Nonfiction eBooks

www.walton.k12.fl.us

Click on Students' Tab

Click on Resources

Under Student Applications click on Destiny

Click on Walton Middle School

On Search Screen type in the following information:

Find Box: type in ABDO

Material Type Box: choose Electronic Book (ebook) from dropdown menu

Press Enter Key on keyboard

Chose the book you want to read from the search results page

Click Open Button to open the book

Username: wmslmc

Password: wmslmc

You can download a pdf version of the book to your device or computer.

WMS language teachers request parents/guardians avoid allowing your child access to the following 6-8 Core Literature titles. *Teachers use these novels in their curriculum during the school year.*

*The Book Thief

*Boy in the Striped Pajamas

*Daniel's Story

*Devil's Arithmetic

*Diary of Anne Frank

*Fahrenheit 451

*Fever 1793

*Flipped

*The Giver

*Milkweed

*Neptune Project

*Number the Stars

*The Outsiders

*Tangerine

*Walk Two Moons

*Wonder

RECOMMENDED TITLES AND AUTHORS

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program 2017 - 2018

Courage for Beginners by Karen Harrington
Framed by James Ponti
The Girl in the Well is Me by Karen Rivers
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelli Barnhill
How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer by Taryn Souders
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas
The Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson
Moving Target by Christina Diaz Gonzales
The Nerdy Dozen by Jeff Miller
The Nest by Kenneth Oppel
Omega City by Diana Peterfreund
Randoms by David Liss
Shadows of Sherwood by Kekla Magoon
Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

AUTHORS

Any book written by these authors will be accepted except the books listed on the 6 - 8 Core Literature Titles list.

Avi
Joan Bauer
Judy Blume
Edward Bloor
N.E. Bode
Lauren Brooke
Betsy Byars
Kiera Cass
Ally Carter
Matt Christopher
Beverly Cleary
Andrew Clements
Suzanne Collins
Susan Cooper
Sharon Creech
Christopher Paul Curtis
Roald Dahl
Paula Danziger
Kate DiCamillo
Sharon Draper
Lois Duncan
Jeanne DuPrau
Adrian Fogelin
Heather Vogel Frederick
Cornelia Funke
Jean Craighead George

Patricia Reilly Giff
Tim Green
Dan Gutman
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Mary Downing Hahn
Shannon Hale
Karen Hesse
Lisi Harrison
Carl Hiaasen
Will Hobbs
Anthony Horowitz
Erin Hunter
Brian Jacques
Peg Kehret
Jeff Kinney
Gordon Korman
Louis L'Amour
Madeleine L'Engle
Lois Lowry
Mike Lupica
Lurlene McDaniel
D. J. MacHale
Ann M. Martin
Wendy Mass
Kate Messner
L.M. Montgomery
Billy Moore
Walter Dean Myers
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Janette Oke
Katherine Paterson
James Patterson
Barbara Park
Gary Paulsen
Ridley Pearson
Richard Peck
Rick Riordan
Barbara Robinson
Ginny Rorby
Pam Munoz Ryan
Cynthia Rylant
Louis Sachar
Gary Schmidt
Roland Smith
Gary Soto
Jerry Spinelli
Theodore Taylor
Wendelin Van Draanen
Bill Wallace
Jacqueline Woodson
Lawrence Yep

RECOMMENDED TITLES AND AUTHORS

Fiction Super Series

Alex Rider by Anthony Horowitz
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Baseball Card Adventures by Dan Gutman
Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce
Bone by Jeff Smith
Brian's Saga by Gary Paulsen
Chestnut Hill by Lauren Brooke
Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
Dear America by various authors
Deltora by Emily Rodda
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Dive by Gordon Korman
Divergent by Veronica Roth
Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell
Everest by Gordon Korman
Fablehaven by Brandon Mull
Gatekeepers by Anthony Horowitz
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling
Hardy Boys by Franklin Dixon
Heartland Series by Lauren Brooke
Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan
Heroic Misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III by Cressida Cowell
Inheritance Trilogy by Christopher Paolini
Ink Trilogy by Cornelia Funke
Island by Gordon Korman
Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan
Killer Pizza by Greg Taylor
Kidnapped by Gordon Korman
Kingdom Keepers by Ridley Pearson
Land of Elyon by Patrick Carman
The Last Survivors by Sarah Beth Pfeffer
Left Behind: The Kids by Jerry B. Jenkins
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer
Maximum Ride by James Patterson
May Bird by Jodi Lynn Anderson
Maze Runner Trilogy by James Dashner
Mother Daughter Book Club by Heather VogelFrerick
My America by Various Authors
Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene

On the Run by Gordon Korman
Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan
The Penderwicks by Jane Birdsall
Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan
Royal Diaries by Various authors
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott
Selection Series by Kiera Cass
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snickett
Septimus Heap by Angie Sage
Shadow Children . . . by Margaret Haddix
Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi
Stravaganza by Mary Hoffman
Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer by John Grisham
The Uglies Trilogy by Scott Westerfeld
The Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins
39 Clues by Rick Riordan and various authors
Warriors by Erin Hunter
The Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland

Nonfiction Topics

Choose books on the following topics:
(Must contain at least 20 pages)

American History
Animals
Autobiographies
Automobiles
Biographies
Careers
Countries
DK Eyewitness Books
Geography
Government Branches
Historical Events
Hobbies
Insects
Inventions
Memoirs
Military
Planets
Poetry Collections
Science and Engineering
Sports
Sports Teams
Technology
Weather

When school starts, come to the school media center and take your AR test on what you read this summer to start collecting your AR points.

Reading Record Book 1 - Fiction

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____ # of pages _____

Fill in the graphic organizer with details from the story.

Describe the primary setting:	Details and page number
	Details and page number
List the main characters:	Details and page number
	Details and page number
Describe the conflict (problem):	Details and page number
	Details and page number
Describe two main events:	Details and page number
	Details and page number
Describe how the conflict was solved (the resolution of the story.)	Details and page number
	Details and page number

Reading Record Book 2 - Fiction

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____ # of pages _____

Fill in the graphic organizer with details from the story.

Describe the primary setting:	Details and page number
	Details and page number
List the main characters:	Details and page number
	Details and page number
Describe the conflict (problem):	Details and page number
	Details and page number
Describe two main events:	Details and page number
	Details and page number
Describe how the conflict was solved (the resolution of the story):	Details and page number
	Details and page number

Reading Record Book 3 - Nonfiction

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____ # of pages _____

List 10 facts you learned from reading this nonfiction book. **Use complete sentences.**
You may continue your answers on back, if needed.

Fact #1 Page Number _____

Fact #2 Page Number _____

Fact # Page Number _____

Fact #4 Page Number _____

Fact #5 Page Number _____

Fact #6 Page Number _____

Fact #7 Page Number _____

Fact #8 Page Number _____

Fact #9 Page Number _____

Fact #10 Page Number _____

