

IMS Summer Reading Assignment – 2023-24

**Each student attending Incline Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year has a reading assignment to complete during summer vacation. Follow these simple directions to be prepared for the first week of school.**

* Choose a book; the book you select should be one that you have not previously read**. You may select a book/author from the following list, but these are only suggestions. We want you to enjoy your summer reading, so please choose a book you want to read.**  You may want to read some reviews online before making your final decision or ask a friend, teacher, or librarian for a recommendation.
* Locate the selected book at the Washoe County Library; online or eBook; or purchase it from a bookstore.
* Read your selected book and be prepared to complete **two assignments** - late if received after September 8, 2023:

1. Take an Accelerated Reader (AR) test
2. Write an essay about the book you selected (see reverse side for details).

**Below is a list of suggested authors. You are NOT limited to these authors.**

Sid Fleischman

Zilpha Snyder

Armstrong Perry

Jim Murphy

Cornelia Funke

Lois Lowry

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Pam Munoz Ryan

Sharon Creech

Cynthia Voight

Robert Louis Stevenson

Karen Cushman

Judy Blume

Jerry Spinelli

Patricia Windsor

Laurence Yep

Michael Dorris

James Ramsy Ullman

John Christopher

Betty Smith

Caroline Cooney

Tamora Pierce

Theodore Taylor

Wilson Rawls Ray Bradbury Homer

Scott O'Dell

Gary Paulson

Pearl Buck

J.K. Rowling

Hillary McKay

William Armstrong

Carl Hiassen

Brian Jacques

Jack London

Avi

Joan Aiken

Erin Hunter

or any other author

\*You may **NOT** use a book in the ***Captain Underpants*** series by Dav Pilkey or in the ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*** series by Jeff Kinney to satisfy your summer reading requirement. Choose a real book!

Enjoy your summer!

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**(50 points)**

**Assignment**: Write an essay (minimum of five paragraphs) about the book you read this summer. Your essay must **include** the following information:

* Paragraph 1 - Introduction: hook, backstory including title of the book, author, and genre. If illustrated, include the illustrator’s name.
* Paragraph 2 – Introduce the main characters, setting, and conflict.
* Paragraph 3 – Storyline/plot (subplot); what is the book about? Briefly summarize.
* Paragraph 4 – What is the theme, message, lesson or moral of the book? How is the book’s primary conflict resolved? In other words, how did it end?
* Paragraph 5 – Conclusion: Overall opinion - did you like the book? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to a friend - if so, why? What about the author’s writing style - did you find it easy to read? Confusing? Simplistic? How about the author’s vocabulary? You are not limited to the above information in your essay. Please feel free to expand on any point listed.

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