



Summer Reading Program

Summer is just around the corner, and among other things vacation, family time, outdoor activities, and hopefully relaxation. We want you to take advantage of this time and enjoy yourself. In addition, we want you to be a successful student. A summer reading program has been shown to enhance your reading development. We hope that you take this opportunity to explore literature through analysis and thoughtful interpretation.

Requirements

For this program, students must read **one** of the grade level novels listed below. These novels are chosen from the 2021-2022 Sunshine State Book List. Complete the prewriting activity and turn in by **Tuesday, August 17, 2021**. This activity may be found on the Montford Webpage www.leonschools.net/montford. An essay related to the novel will be assigned at the start of the school year, and a test on the novel will be administered.

Book Selections

Upcoming 8th graders:

- *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel
- *Me and Banksy* by Tanya Lloyd Kyi
- *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone
- *Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat
- *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Upcoming 7th graders:

- *Bouncing Back* by Scott Ostler
- *Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs
- *Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA* by Brenda Woods
- *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman
- *Wildfire: A Novel* by Rodman Philbrick

Upcoming 6th graders:

- *Cleo Porter and the Body Electric* by Jake Burt
- *Coop Knows the Scoop* by Taryn Souders
- *Jinxed* by Amy McCulloch
- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty
- *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by Kwame Alexander and James Patterson

Per School Board Policy 2240, Leon County Schools recognizes that certain instructional materials may conflict with a student's or parent's value system. In such cases, a parent may request in writing an alternative summer reading assignment. Please direct inquiries to Joyce Madsen.

MONTFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL 2021-2022 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

*This activity must be completed by all students at Montford in preparation for an assignment in Language Arts class. **The assignment is due before or on Tuesday August 17, 2021***

Name:

Summer Reading Assignment

1. Choose **one** of the five novels designated for your upcoming grade level.
2. Read and enjoy your book.
3. Complete the questions pertaining to plot below. Write in complete sentences and check for grammar and spelling errors.
4. Be ready to discuss it and turn it in when you return to school in August.
5. There will also be a multiple-choice quiz and an essay given during the second week of school.

Plot Questions

1. **Exposition:** You learn background information about the story including character backgrounds, setting, historical context. You learn what has occurred before the story began. (Examples: parents were divorced, family moved to new town, Dad or Mom got a new job, etc.) In 3-5 sentences tell what the exposition of your novel is.

2. **Rising Action:** These are incidences that and move the story towards the climax. Cite at least **ten** events and make sure that they cover all parts of the book.

3. **Climax:** This is the most exciting or emotional part of the story. Cite what the climax is of this story in one sentence. In one or two more sentences, explain why you believe that this is the climax.

4. **Falling Action:** Following the climax, the main problem is resolved, and the loose ends begin to tie up. In two or three sentences, describe what loose ends have been tied up.

5. **Conclusion:** Story comes to an end. Write two to five sentences describing the conclusion.