

**2018-2019
MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER WORK
GRADE 8**

Literature can enrich the lives of students in middle grades, can encourage critical and imaginative thinking, can educate while it entertains, and can lay a foundation for literary experiences later in life.

At Stone Ridge we ask our Grade 8 students to read **ONE** of the following books and **four** additional books of different genres from an extensive and comprehensive list provided by the Middle School Library. The titles listed cover a broad range of both interest and ability and should allow each reader to have a successful and enjoyable experience.

Summer vacation is a great time to open the pages of a good book and be transported to places that will build creativity, imagination, and a lifelong love of reading. We look forward to hearing about your reading adventures this fall.

Select ONE of the following titles and come to class on the first day of school prepared to engage in a discussion of it with your classmates.

Chains

Laurie Halse Anderson

ISBN-10: 1416905863

ISBN-13: 9781416905868

Hattie Big Sky

Kirby Larson

ISBN-10: 0385735952

ISBN-13: 9780385735957

Chinese Cinderella

Adeline Yen Mah

ISBN-10: 0385740077

ISBN-13: 9780385740074

Keep a list of the **four additional books and any others** you read during the summer and give it to your English teacher on the first day of school.

Grammar Summer Assignment 2017

It will also be important to continue practicing the grammar skills covered during the past school year. Regular review will provide for a smoother transition into Grade 8 English in the fall. Below are listed recommended skills in the Grade 7 level of iXL. The goal is to cover all of the concepts with the option of going further. One hour per week should be sufficient time to review all of the skills. The program automatically provides the work level necessary for mastery. If you are interested, you may work beyond the specified list. Your teachers are provided regular reports on who has been practicing and the skills they have reviewed and or mastered.

Directions: Log in to www.ixl.com. You can find this address in your student tools file on your Lenovo as well. Enter your password. Select Language Arts skills Grade 7. The list of suggested skills are as follows:

Note: On occasion the skill numbers are changed by IXL during the summer. If you are not able to locate the numbered skill as listed, use the grade section and skill description to make the selection.

Practice Areas in IXL- Please complete all exercises under the following categories:

Direct and Indirect Objects

Verbals

Simple, Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex Sentences

Vague Pronoun Reference

Pronouns

Verbs EE.1 - EE. 4

Semicolons, colons and commas - C.1

Math Summer Assignments- 2017

Entering Algebra I

We are hoping the students will visit the ixl website several times a week. Of course, we are expecting that families will adjust schedules according to family commitments, vacations, and summer camps. The goal is not to overload or overwhelm the girls, but rather to keep skills fresh and to have the girls feel prepared at the start of school.

All concepts listed below are on the IXL website under Grade 8 Math:

Operations with Integers

Rational Numbers

Put Rational numbers in order, operations with rational numbers

Exponents and Roots

Evaluate exponents, solve equations with exponents, negative exponents

Percents

Convert between percents, fractions, and decimals

Estimate percents of number, compare percents of problems, solve percent equations

Variable Expressions

Write variable expressions, add and subtract like terms

Variable equations and inequalities

Spanish Class:

Optional, should you wish to practice Spanish over the summer

Practice Makes Perfect: Spanish Verb Tenses

Dorothy Richmond

ISBN 0071639306