

Summer Reading Program 2023

Savannah Adventist Christian School

Summer is almost here, a time for fun and family. It's time for a change of pace and a change of scenery. It's also a time for children to forget what they learned the previous school year. This loss of learning is sometimes called the "summer slide". If you'd like to read more about it, check out the links below.

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2018/8-resources-for-parents-to-promote-summer-learning/>

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide.html>

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2016/five-ways-to-promote-summer-lovinof-math/>

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

The Summer Reading and Skill Reinforcement Program for SACS students will help ensure that your child maintains his or her academic success for the next school year. We encourage you to make this fun for your child, but to also make it intentional. Come up with a plan so there is no need to panic as summer comes to an end. You are welcome to read *with* your child, discuss the book as they go along, and of course, read more than the minimum!

Children entering grades 5-8 will focus on reading comprehension skills. The requirements are outlined on the following page(s).

For rising 7th & 8th graders: This is due on the first day of class in the 2023-2024 school year and will be worth 25 points for the reading grade for the first quarter. Along with the book they choose from the list for their report, they must also choose three more books from the reading list that has been provided, to be completed by the end of the summer. They need to write a summary for each book, stating the title and author as well. This will be worth 25 points. The whole summer project is worth 50 points.

Have fun and read!

Summer Book List

2023 edition

Rising 7th and 8th graders must read a total of **FOUR** books off of the given list. The required book this year will be *No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* by Jordan Romero. The book report assignment will be provided separately, as it cannot be published online. (New students: Please request your copy at the school office upon enrollment.) Parents will also have to sign the bottom of their completed assignment, saying that the student completed the book as well as the book report and read the three additional books. This will count as the first reading grade of the new school year.

****Also each student will need to have a library card for the upcoming school year. These are free to get at your local library if you do not already have one. You can go to <https://liveoakpl.org/librarycards/apply> . The application is available in English and Spanish.**

**NOTE: The books chosen this summer should be titles not previously read.*

Fiction

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper
Hatchet by Gary Paulson
The River by Gary Paulson
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulson
Number the Stars by Lois Lowery
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maude Montgomery (or any of the sequels)
The Road to Memphis by Mildred D. Taylor
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Zen and the Art of Faking It by Jordan Sonnenblick
When My Name was Keoko by Linda Sue Park
Mixed Bags by Melody Carlson
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Black Beauty Anna Sewell
Catch a Falling Star by Kim Culbertson
Finding David by Brad Watson
David's Revenge by Brad Watson
Freedom Seekers Series by Lois Walfrid Johnson
Viking Quest Series by Lois Walfrid Johnson
Speak Up by Rebecca Burgess
The Boys who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

Non-Fiction

Notorious Benedict Arnold: A true story of Adventure, Heroism, and Treachery by Steve Sheinkin
Bioluminescence: Nature and Science at Work by Loree Griffin Burns
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
Child of the Dream (A Memoir of 1963) by Sharon Robinson
Walk to Beautiful by Jimmy Wayne
Somewhere There Is Still a Sun by Michael Gruenbaum
Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card by Sara Saedi
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom by Linda Blackman Lowry
Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tonya Lee Stone
Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming
Night by Elie Wiesal (Note: Book on Holocaust, mature themes)
How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg
Reaching for the Moon Catherine Johnson
Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away; Young Readers Edition by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathline van Cleve

Inspirational/Motivational

Kingdom of the Heart by Trudy J. Morgan-Cole
Christ's Object Lessons by Ellen G. White
The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make: A Guide for Teens by Sean Covey
Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations by Alex & Brett Harris
Dare To Stand Alone by Bradley Booth

Biblical Narratives

Peter: Fisher of Men by Noni Beth Gibbs
Zacchaeus: When God Stops By by Patty Froese Ntihemuka
Malchus: Touched by Jesus by Noni Beth Gibbs
Joseph by Terri L. Fivash
Esther by Bradley Booth