

2024 Summer ELA Recommendations for Students Entering 7th, and 8th Grade

As your student transitions from one grade to another this summer, we ask that you continue to have your student read, write, and practice math skills to be ready for the next grade. Here are some ELA suggestions:

TYPING:

Please have your student practice his/her typing skills. A good free website is typing.com.

WRITING:

Students may keep a journal of daily activities. Please have your student reread the journal entries to get into the habit of making sure the writing makes sense. Have your child read the entry to you so you can help your student to be successful.

READING:

Over the summer, please have your student read novels at the appropriate Lexile level*, preferably with you so you can discuss the novel with your child.

As you read with your student (and you can do this however you feel is best: read the story out loud together, have your student read to you, each of you read independently) discuss what you've read.

- While reading, stop every once in a while and have your student retell what is happening in the chapter. If your student seems unsure about part of the story, talk out what happened.
- Have your student stop and look up unknown words in the dictionary. Help your student figure out the best definition for that sentence.
- When you are done with a chapter, ask your student to recount important events and character changes.
- When done with the novel, have your student tell you the novel's theme and why the author would have written the novel.
- Discuss whether or not your student liked the novel and why.
- Read non-fiction texts, too! Choose an article from the newspaper or online and ask your student to read it. Ask: What was the article about? Why is it important? What did the author want the reader to learn?
- Your student may login to Newsela.com through Clever and read articles of interest. All of the students should have access to Newsela.
- Most importantly, help your student to enjoy reading!

*To find books on your student's Lexile level, please go to Lexile.com. You can use the "Find Just Right Books" tool to input your student's interests and Lexile level. The website will give you suggestions of books for your student to read at his/her level.