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Dear Students:

**Below you will find the requirements for the Communication Arts rising 7th and 8th grade summer reading program**. The program is designed to encourage and inspire reading, as well as promote a consistent sense of scholastic engagement over the summer break. **The minimum goal for each student at Mill Springs is to have read three books or book equivalent (600 pages) over the summer break**. If possible, each student is encouraged to join their local public library and participate in their library’s summer reading program. **As you read, you will need to complete a reading log to track your progress, which is included in this packet.** Please make sure you fill out the logs carefully. During the first week of school, all students will be required to participate in a book talk or presentation to share what they read over the summer. The method of presentation will be determined individually and will be included as part of the participation grade for first semester. The reading log will count as a class assignment grade. As you approach summer reading, the important thing for you to remember is that reading is fun! Familiarizing yourself with a multitude of texts will produce various academic and intellectual benefits. We hope that you will take summer reading seriously, not because reading is work, but because the habit of reading good books will enrich your life experience and open up new possibilities for enjoyment!

Have a wonderful summer!

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TIPS FOR DEVELOPING GOOD READING HABITS

 Learn while you read – the one does not exclude the other

- Read in small bites – 10 minutes on the way to and from school, 15 minutes before going to sleep, and 10 minutes waiting for friends to pick you up. That totals 45 minutes – a good-sized daily reading total.

- Join a book discussion group at your school or public library, or online.

- Realize your reading speed increases the more you read.

- Realize that time goes faster when you are reading for the fun of it.

- Read what you are passionate about.

- Find the right book or magazine for you.

- Write about what you read as soon as you finish reading it.

- Realize reading for the fun of it is a good way to relax.

- Talk about your reading with family and friends.





