

June 15, 2021

Dear rising 7th & 8th grade students,

Welcome to Language Arts. As I discussed with you last week, this summer's reading assignment will look different from last year. We all need a break so there is **no** assigned class book to read, nor is there any project to be completed for the beginning of the year. However, summertime is a wonderful time to relax and enjoy the adventures that are available in books, and it is also the easiest way to keep your brain active and ready for school.

So, this summer's assignment is to read five (5) books of your choosing (at grade level, of course). The hitch is that two (2) of them must be about Washington State (see list on back) and you must record them on a book log – Title, author, number of pages, and parent signature. This will be due by Friday, September 10th. These books will count as books read for the Summer Reader Reward (see below) and your first LA grades. The pages of the Washington State books will also count for first trimester independent reading.

To further encourage you to read there is my **Summer Reader Reward**. To earn this, enroll in your library's summer reading program or simply keep track of ten (or more) books that you have read and have a parent sign the list (your 5 required books put you half-way to reaching this goal and may be counted for this reward). Bring this list or program sheet to me by Friday, September 13, and you will receive your reward.

I am looking forward to seeing you in September. In the meantime...

Happy Reading!

Washington State **Summer Reading List**

<i>Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: The Oregon Trail Diary of Hattie Campbell</i>	Kristina Gregory
<i>April and the Dragon Lady</i>	Lensey Namioka
<i>Baseball Saved Us</i>	Gary Soto
<i>Bat 6</i>	Virginia Euwer Wolff
<i>Bound for Oregon</i>	Jean Van Leeuwen
<i>Boston Jane</i>	Jennifer L. Holm
<i>The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe</i>	Roland Smith
<i>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</i>	Margaret Craven
<i>I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens</i>	Lauren Tarshis
<i>Indian No More</i>	Charlene Willing McMonis & Traci Surell
<i>The Journal of Jedediah Barslow: An Emigrant on the Oregon Trail, Overland, 1845</i>	Ellen Levine
<i>The Journal of Augustus Pelleter: Lewis & Clark Expedition</i>	My Name is America series
<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	Katherine Applegate
<i>Our Only May Amelia</i>	Jennifer L. Holm
<i>Terror at the Zoo</i>	Peg Kehret
<i>Thin Wood Walls</i>	David Patneaude
<i>Thunder Riding in the Mountains</i>	Scott O'Dell & Elizabeth Hale
<i>The Volcano Disaster</i>	Peg Kehret
<i>Volcano: The Eruption of Mt. St. Helens</i>	Patricia Lauber

**These are only some recommendations. Check out library and other book sites for books set in and/or about Washington State and add to the list.