

Dear Scholar,

With another academic year coming to a close, it is time to start thinking about leisurely summer reading. The purpose of summer reading is two-fold: to encourage the pleasure of reading and to develop independent reading skills.

Countless studies indicate that reading practice improves word recognition, builds vocabulary, improves fluency and comprehension, and helps develop understanding of complex written language and grammar.

A summer reading program is a joint responsibility between school and family. Your parents/guardians might very reasonably disagree about what material constitutes suitable summer reading for children. The titles suggested are not Board of Education-approved texts. They are works recommended by organizations such as the American Library Association, the New York Times, and the National Council of Teachers of English. They appear on many reading lists across the nation. Nevertheless, certain titles may contain subject matter that some parents/guardians may not want their children to read (whether Grimm's Fairy Tales for young children or books with mature themes and graphic language for older students). Only parents/guardians can determine appropriate summer reading choices for their children. Read online reviews prior to purchasing a book. Check with local librarians and book websites (such as www.common sense media.org) for reading levels and information on titles.

Prior to the first day of school, Accelerated (Level 1) and Academic (Level 2) students are to select and read one short story, article, speech, or video from the list provided. While you are required to read only one short text and complete the assignment, it is highly recommended that you read one full-length book as well.

In September, you will be expected to submit the assignment, which will count as your first homework grade in the first marking period. (Your teacher will provide you with the specific due date.)

Honors and AP students have specific readings and assignments. Please choose the hyperlink below that corresponds to the course you will be taking in September.

Please note: ALL students entering 12th grade must complete the [College and Career assignment](#).

If you have any questions, please contact your teacher or the grades 9-12 English Supervisor, Michelle Curcio, via email at michelle.curcio@edison.k12.nj.us

For the books on the suggested summer reading list, you may go to local bookstores or public libraries, or shop online. Edison Libraries:

Main Library
340 Plainfield Avenue
(732) 287-2298

Clara Barton Branch
141 Hoover Avenue
(732) 738-0096

North Edison Branch
1907 Oak Tree Rd #102
(732) 548-3045

Enjoy your summer reading. See you in September!

9th Grade	9th Honors	10th Grade	10th Honors	11th Grade	11th Honors
12th Grade	AP Seminar	AP Language and Composition	AP Literature and Composition	AP Research	College Composition

**Students Entering 12th must also complete the [College and Career assignment](#)*