Dear Incoming 7th & 8th Grade McCullough Students,

In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.

Additionally, students are expected to engage in summer reading as it prepares students for the upcoming school year and creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction.

Incoming 7th graders are encouraged to read at least one 250+ page book this summer and incoming 8th graders are encouraged to read at least one 300+ page book. The type of book that is read is not as important as choosing a book that students will enjoy reading and will be motivated to finish. Suggestions for book titles or resources to access books can be found below.

We look forward to reading with you next school year!

McCullough 7th & 8th Grade Language Arts Teachers

- Lone Star Reading List
  - The Lone Star Reading List is developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The list's purpose is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books.
  - https://txla.org/reading-lists/lone-star/lone-star-current-list/
- Texas Bluebonnet Award List
  - The Texas Bluebonnet Award is one of the most prestigious children's choice literary awards in the United States. Each year, 20 books are chosen for the Texas Bluebonnet Award List.
  - https://txla.org/reading-lists/texas-bluebonnet-award/current-list/
- Montgomery County Public Library
  - E-books and audiobooks: https://countylibrary.org/online_resources_home/ebooks,_audiobooks,_and_movies.php
  - Get a digital library card: https://hcpl.ent.sirsi.net/custom/web/MCML/registration/index.html
- Open Library
  - Create a free account: https://openlibrary.org/account/create
  - PK-12 student library:https://openlibrary.org/collections/k-12
- Project Gutenburg
  - Free e-books: https://www.gutenberg.org
  - Top 100 most popular: http://www.gutenberg.org/browse/scores/top
- Audible Stories
  - Free audiobooks: https://stories.audible.com

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