

The Grove School

ENGLISH Summer Work for 7th and 8th Grade Students

Congratulations on your decision to be a part of the Grove learning community! We eagerly anticipate your arrival in August. In this document are summer assignments designed to help your teachers assess your skill level and prepare you for the rigorous curriculum we will explore throughout the school year. **All work is due on the first day of school.**

Please carefully review the following instructions so that you know what is expected. **7th and 8th graders** have assignments for **Math, Science and English**. Assignments may have multiple parts. ***THIS REPRESENTS THE ENGLISH PORTION ONLY.*** Carefully read directions, so that you can complete what is expected of you. Other work can be found on the Summer Work Page: <http://www.thegroveschool.org/summer-homework/>

There is a list of *recommended online resources* on the last page that you can use to practice, work ahead, and generally keep your skills sharpened. ***These are not going to be evaluated or turned in,*** but can help avoid the “summer slump”.

Overview of Work

Class / Subject	Name of Assignment	Due Date	Completed?
English	Reading Log (page 2)	August 14	
Opportunities for Summer Enrichment	Links to free skills building activities and virtual summer camps (page 3)	N/A	

Due Date: All of your Summer Assignments should be turned in to your teachers on the first day of school. Both assignments will be included in the first trimester evaluation.

English Assignment

English Summer Reading Log. All students must complete the Summer Reading Project. The assignment will comprise 5% of your credit for the first trimester.

English Assignment: Part 1 - Reading Log

1. Choose books to read over the summer and **READ EVERY OTHER DAY FOR 20 MINUTES OR 20 PAGES**. This is a habit that I expect you to continue for your time at Grove. You may read almost any book of your choice.
2. In a digital document or written by hand, **keep a table/log of your reading that includes:**
 - a. the title (typed italicized or handwritten underlined, like MLA requires),
 - b. author,
 - c. date started,
 - d. date completed and
 - e. a rating of either:
 - i. Holiday (for something that was a breeze to read),
 - ii. Just Right (for something that introduced something new, but wasn't really difficult to read), or
 - iii. Challenge (for something that was real work to read and that you didn't always understand).

Example of Reading Log

Title	Author	Date Started	Date Completed	Number of pages	Rating
<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	John Green	June 15	June 19	210	Just Right
<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome, but True Story About Brain Science</i>	John Fleischman	June 19	June 21	87	Holiday
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen	June 21	June 30	223	Challenge

Below is a list of resources to help improve, review and keep skills sharp over the summer. All of those listed can be found online, and most are free. In most cases, you will have to make an account. A half hour everyday could really make a difference in the fall!

Math

Khan Academy

Students can start or continue math practice. *Also has wide range of other lessons and activities, including computer programming, SAT Test Prep, Sciences and Humanities.* Stars indicate interactive exercises; arrows indicate video lessons.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

English

Quill.org

Interactive proofreading activities followed by lessons prompted by areas of weakness.

<http://www.quill.org/>

Go to the menu and choose “Explore”, then go to grade level and choose an exercise.

Khan Academy SAT Prep

Geared for HS, but anyone is welcome to try!

Stars indicate interactive practice activities; arrows indicate lessons

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/sat-reading-writing-practice>

Varsity Tutoring Free Summer Camps

Sign up for **free week-long courses for math, science, art, writing, reading, Spanish, and more.** See website for details and availability.

https://www.varsitytutors.com/virtual-summer-camp-catalog?filter_grade_ranges=grades-6-8&filter_grade_ranges=grades-9-12