



7th & 8th GRADE SUMMER 2025 ASSIGNMENTS

TDS assigns summer enrichment work to help prevent summer learning loss. These assignments consist of **REQUIRED reading activities** and **IXL math practice assigned by your child's teacher**. The goal of these activities is to keep your child academically engaged throughout the summer break and to promote a strong start to the next school year. **These assignments are graded and are included in the first quarter reading and math grades.**

As a general guideline, Tampa Day School is encouraging students to engage in academic activities for at least 30 minutes each weekday. We need the support of parents to help students reach this goal and will be sending periodic reminders to help students stay on track.

NOTE: ALL Summer Assignments are due by AUGUST 22, 2025

REQUIRED READING

Students are required to read 2 books: one of the books is assigned to all students; the second book may be chosen from the options provided.

REQUIRED NOVEL 1

Please read the novel and follow the link to print out and complete the written responses. The packets are due on August 20th. A quiz will be given when school starts in August.

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCOMING 7th Grade</u>	<u>INCOMING 8th Grade</u>
Required Novel	Holes , by Louis Sachar	Pay it Forward, by Catherine Ryan Hyde
Notes	Complete the attached packet as you read. Holes-Summer Packet	Complete the attached question booklet as you read. Pay It Forward Packet
QUIZ & AR Test	There will be a QUIZ when you return	There will be a QUIZ and when you return

REQUIRED NOVEL 2 and PROJECT

Select a second book at your reading level and then complete a project from the list below.
Projects are due on August 20th and will be graded.

Select one of the projects to complete about the book:

Option 1: Create a soundtrack for your novel. Make a playlist of songs for the book you read consisting of at least 10 songs, title and artist. You should also include a short description of why you are including the song on the playlist. (How does the song fit into the novel?)	Option 2: Create a Powerpoint summarizing the main events within the book. WOW ME!	Option 3: Write 2 paragraphs on why readers should choose this book to read. Paragraphs should be in formal style but do not need to include direct quotations from the novel. <i>There should be a minimum of 14 sentences.</i>
Option 4: Create a mini-scrapbook from the point of view of a character in your book. This should include information such as setting, plot, pictures, momentos, important happenings, etc. The scrapbook should help tell your character's story.	Option 5: Letter to the author. Write a detailed letter to the author talking about what you enjoyed about the book, or what you think could have been better. You can even include things you wish the author included. (Typed 1 page)	Option 6: Interview a main character. Come up with 10 questions to ask the main character. Make sure you include responses that the character would actually say using details from the book you have read.
Option 7: Write It! You can choose to write an alternate ending to the book of what you think should have happened. (Typed 1 page) Make sure you can explain why your ending is the better ending for the book!	Option 8: Script it! Choose an important scene in the novel and write a script to be presented. Make sure you include all characters, stage directions, and narrators giving background information for the scene. Please mark which pages your scene is coming from in your novel.	Option 9: Cartography (map making!) Make a map of all the important settings in your book. Be as creative as you want. You must also include a short paragraph for each setting and explain why it is important in your book. (Minimum 5 places, you may want to use poster board for your display)

OPTIONAL Reading Resource: A free **Learning Ally** account has been created for every student. Learning Ally provides access to an audio format in the event that your child prefers to use digital and audio books. Instructions for logging into Learning Ally are on the following page.

TO LOG INTO LEARNING ALLY:

1. Go to learningally.com or click [Learning Ally Link](#)
2. Log in as follows:

Username: firstlast (student's first and last name, lower case, no spaces)

Example: jennifermitrakos

Password: tdsbirthmonthbirthday (tds,student's spelled out birth month, 2-digit birth day, no spaces)

Example: If a student was born on November 7th, the password is **tdsnovember07**

REQUIRED MATH

REQUIRED IXL MATH ASSIGNMENTS have been selected by your child's math teacher and need to be completed by August 22nd. This assignment counts as a TEST GRADE for the 1st quarter.

IXL assignments:

1. Students will complete the "From Your Teacher" list of math assignments in IXL (already assigned on the IXL site by your child's teacher).
2. Students should reach at least an 80% smartscore for the lesson to count as completed.

Follow the steps below to access the IXL assignments "From Your Teacher"

1. [IXL sign in link](#)

Sign-in follows the format below:

Username: firstlast **Example:** jennifermitrakos (student's first and last name, lower case, no spaces) *964 may be needed at the end of the username -this is added to usernames that are more common.

Password: tdsbirthmonthbirthday (tds,student's spelled out birth month, 2-digit birth day, no spaces) **Example:** If a student was born on November 7th, the password is **tdsnovember07**

- 2. Once on the IXL site, click on the "Learning" section**
- 3. Then...click on "Recommendations Wall" and then "See Suggestions From Your Teacher" and complete the starred (*) math lessons**

Please contact jmitrakos@tampadayschool.com for any questions about summer assignments.