

Knox Junior High School Summer Reading 2020



Hello Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Knox Students and Parents,

The Knox JHS Language Arts Department hopes this letter finds you and your families healthy and happy. We are very excited about the upcoming 2020-2021 school year as we are ready to begin anew. With that, we are reaching out to talk about summer reading.

Because of the challenges, we are not asking students to complete an “official” summer reading assignment. However, we DO encourage your child to read this summer to enhance and enrich their learning journey.

Reading is a win-win for students of all ages. Educational research studies show that reading helps students strengthen their reading skills, deepen reflective thought, and increase vocabulary knowledge as well as improve academic achievement.

We, at Knox Junior High School, are committed to providing the best learning environment possible by building on this foundation of reading. Our plan is to launch the “Big Read” at the beginning of the school year. Meanwhile, we want our Knights to read, to have choice, and to find the joy in reading a book or two over the summer.

So, be safe, wash your hands, take care of each other, and read. Read often. Read what you want. Read with enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you in August. Go Knights!

Knights: As you read, here are some things to think about :)

- **Make a mental movie:** What do you picture in your head as you're reading? Stop and visualize.
- **Make connections:** What other book, movie or real-life situation does this story remind you of? How is it similar or different?
- **Notice how characters change over time:** What internal or external forces are helping the character grow as a person, or maybe change for the worse?
- **Bring yourself to your reading:** Which parts resonate with you most? How does this story change how you see yourself, other people, or the world?
- **Think about the theme:** What is the overall message, big idea, or life lesson in this book? What life advice could you give the character?

On the back is the Conroe ISD Summer Reading Statement that includes a list of resources where students can access free reading materials. If you have any questions or need help, please feel free to reach out to the LA Department Chair, Carrie Karr at ckarr@conroeisd.net.

Conroe Independent School District Summer Reading 2020 Statement

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.

"What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency..."
Richard Allington, professor of literacy studies and past-president of the International Reading Association and the Literacy Research Association

We, in Conroe ISD, do maintain our belief in the power of reading for all students. In order to maintain reading skills and continue to grow a reading life, we encourage all students to continue reading over the summer.

In light of the current public health situation and modified learning environment, we will not be requiring students to complete any accompanying assignment or project for any suggested summer reading for the 2020-2021 school year.

There are many ways to access books online for free. See a list below for some available resources to help you gain access to books:

Apps found in the CISD SSO Portal:

- Sora
 - Free access to a variety of e-books and audiobooks
- Destiny Discover
 - Check out Ebooks and audiobooks from your campus library

Other websites with free resources:

- Montgomery County Public Library
 - E-Books & Audiobooks:
<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/elibrary>
 - Get a Digital Library Card:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/registration.html>
- Open Library
 - Create a free account: <https://openlibrary.org/account/create>
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