

Literature Summer Reading 2025

Dear Parents,

Below you will find a list of books for the incoming 6th and 8th grade students to read this summer.

6th Grade: You will read two books for summer reading:

- *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt

Projects are listed below.

8th Grade: You will read two books for summer reading:

- *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- Choose one of the following science fiction/ fantasy books:
 - ❖ *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
 - ❖ *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater

Projects are listed below.

Summer Reading Sixth Grade Projects

All projects are due on the first day of school. All written elements must be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font and double-spaced.

***My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen**

Select two of Gary Paulsen's dogs. Fill out a Venn diagram as an organizing tool. Each circle should have at least 5 entries with 3 in the common area. A printable Venn diagram can be found at the end of this document. WHEN WE RETURN TO SCHOOL, we will use these to write a compare/contrast essay.

***The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt**

Complete the BOOK MOSAIC project (below) on a half sheet of poster board. Points will be deducted for students who do the project on a full sheet of poster board. Be sure to follow these guidelines:

- All tiles and illustrations must be fully colored.
- All tiles should be arranged in the same order as the example.
- You may use drawings or pictures from online. Drawings must be your best effort.
- You may not use the same photo, quote, or character more than once on your poster.
- Writing must be typed or IMPECCABLY written in ink.
- No pencil writing on this project.

Book Mosaic Example Below: PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS LISTED ABOVE!

Title of the book	Picture of main character	Picture of setting	Vocabulary word Include a definition.
Picture of author	Your choice	Quote Include who said it.	Picture of something important to main character
Quote Include who said it.	Vocabulary word Include a definition.	A significant event	Statement of conflict
Statement of conflict	Picture of something important to main character	Picture of setting	Quote Include who said it.
Best friend	Quote Include who said it.	If you liked this book read one of these.	Vocabulary word Include a definition.
Picture of setting	Statement of theme What are the BIG IDEAS of this book?	Quote Include who said it.	Picture of main character

8TH Grade projects:

Science Fiction: After reading either *Ender's Game* or *The Scorpio Races*, you will do the following project.

Directions: Choose one of the lead characters from your book and make a music playlist of 10 songs for them. You should choose songs for the playlist that reflect what the character is experiencing as the book progresses. For each song you choose, be sure to include an explanation IN COMPLETE SENTENCES of why that song is appropriate for the character.

Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl: After reading *Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl*, please complete the following project.

Directions: Create an alphabet book in which each letter of the alphabet represents a significant, person, event, setting, or symbol from the book. Each letter of the alphabet will include an illustration and a brief description (at least three sentences that explain how that item is significant).

Guidelines: The alphabet book should include the following:

- writing that is typed
- a brief description of the item chosen for each letter
- descriptions written in complete sentences using proper grammar
- an illustration of some type for each entry (these can be hand drawn, cut out of a magazine, or printed from the computer)
- a book cover
- a title
- the author's name listed on the front of the book

In addition, the ABC Book will be graded on Ideas and Conventions (grammar and punctuation)

- Do all of your descriptions make sense.
- Do all of your descriptions and illustrations adhere to your chosen theme?
- Did you include interesting details?
- Did you correctly use conventions (correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.)

MRS. BISHOP'S SUMMER MATH

IXL MATH GOAL

Your main summer work is to work on your math goal for at least 1 hour every week.

THERE IS ALSO AN IXL CONTEST FOR ANYONE WHO ANSWERS 7000 OR MORE QUESTIONS!

So while you practice your math, and get prepared for school, you will also be answering questions for a chance to win a Visa gift card. Attached will be the official rules of the IXL Contest.

For your summer work for math class, you need to at least work on your IXL Maps Math Goal at least 1 hour a week. You may work on ANY skill on your personalized math goal. Anyone who answers greater than or equal to 7,000 questions will be in the running for the Visa gift card from IXL!

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR IXL MATH GOAL

1. Log into IXL
2. Make sure you have chosen the tab at the top titled "My IXL"
3. Your Oklahoma NWEA Map Personalized Growth Plan will be found on the right hand side of your dashboard.

IXL'S 2025 STUDY IN THE SUN CONTEST

- Students will compete by answering questions on IXL. Students who have answered 7,000 questions or more by the end of the contest will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten prizes!
- For students in grades 5-8, only questions from grade 3 and above will be counted
- Questions answered in the Diagnostic arena, Screeners, Group Jams, Common Assessments, or Quizzes will not count for the contest.
- The contest begins June 9 at 12:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) and ends August 3 at 11:59 p.m. PDT.
- Your teacher will be notified by email of any winners