

# SJS Middle School

## Summer Activities 2021-2022



### REQUIRED Summer Activities:

- Reading
- Math

### Optional Summer Activities:

- Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish

**ALL assignments must be completed and turned into your respective teacher by the first week of school!**

### Required- Middle School Summer Reading:

Your Summer Reading assignments below are **REQUIRED** to be completed before school starts in the fall. It's fine to check out books from the library, but if you do purchase them, please bring them to school the first week back for some extension and reflection activities.

#### Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

- Read ONE book from the list below.
- Read ONE book of your own choosing.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
<u>Anne of Green Gables</u>	Lucy Maud Montgomery
<u>The Hobbit</u>	J.R.R. Tolkien
<u>Airborn</u>	Kenneth Oppel
<u>Call of the Wild</u>	Jack London
<u>The Hound of Baskervilles</u>	Arthur Conan Doyle
<u>Little Women</u>	Louisa May Alcott
<u>Treasure Island</u>	Robert Louis Stevenson
<u>Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan</u>	John Flanagan
<u>Artemis Fowl</u>	Eoin Colfer

## Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders:

- Please choose at least ONE book to read from the list below.
- Read at least ONE book of your own choosing.

### **Title**

All the Lovely Bad Ones

A Wrinkle In Time

Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607

The Boy Who Dared

Chains

The Crossover

Echo

I Am David

Savvy

The Boy Who Dared

The Graveyard Book

The Shadow Thieves

Woods Runner

### **Author**

Mary Hahn

Madeline L'Engle

Elisa Carbone

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Laurie Halse Anderson

Kwame Alexander

Pam Munoz Ryan

Anne Holm

Ingrid Law

Susan Bartoletti

Neil Gaiman

Anne Ursu

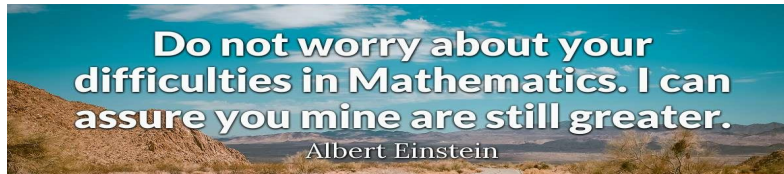
Gary Paulsen



## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

Please choose at least TWO books to read from the list below.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
<u>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</u>	Avi
<u>Crossing the Wire</u>	Will Hobbs
<u>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</u>	Jacqueline Kelly
<u>Fever 1793</u>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<u>Found</u>	Margaret Peterson Haddix
<u>The Girl Who Could Fly</u>	Victoria Forester
<u>The Great Green Heist</u>	Varian Johnson
<u>Hold Fast</u>	Blue Balliett
<u>Last Shot</u>	John Feinstein
<u>Legend</u>	Mary Lu
<u>Loser</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>Pax</u>	Sara Pennypacker
<u>Peak</u>	Roland Smith
<u>The Running Dream</u>	Wendelin Van Draanan
<u>The Safest Lie</u>	Angela Cerrito
<u>Stargirl</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>Stormbreaker</u>	Anthony Horowitz
<u>The Thief Lord</u>	Cornelia Funke
<u>Travel Team</u>	Mike Lupica
<u>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u>	Avi
<u>The Wednesday Wars</u>	Gary D. Schmidt
<u>When You Reach Me</u>	Rebecca Stead
<u>The Worst Class Trip Ever</u>	Dave Barry



## Required- Middle School Summer MATH:

Below you will find some suggestions for maintaining those math skills you worked so hard to build this past year. You will be **REQUIRED** to provide evidence of having been reviewing. The completed workbook may be turned in, or a report printed from IXL indicating work completed. This will be calculated as a quiz grade, and will be due the first week of school.

### All Students:

#### Online Option:

- IXL - [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) - Demonstration of 30 min/weekday (or a total of 25 hours over the whole summer) required
  - Student math membership is \$9.95/mo (other subjects also available)
    - [IXL Membership Options](#) (great option for families with multiple children - each additional child adds only \$4 to overall monthly cost)
  - See below for what grade level to work on

### Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

- ❖ [Summer Skills Sharpener - 5th Grade](#) - completion of workbook expected
  - If you choose the workbook option, it MUST be this workbook!
- ❖ Work on IXL 5th grade Math skills - See above for requirements.

### Rising 7th Graders:

- ❖ [Summer Skills Sharpener - 6th Grade](#) - completion of workbook expected
  - If you choose the workbook option, it MUST be this workbook!
- ❖ Work on IXL 6th grade Math skills - See above for requirements

### Rising 8th Graders:

- ❖ **Rising Pre-Algebra Students:**
  - [Summer Skills Sharpener - 7th Grade](#) - completion of workbook expected
    - If you choose the workbook option, it MUST be this workbook!
  - Work on IXL 7th grade Math skills - See above for requirements
- ❖ **Rising Algebra I Students**
  - [Summer Skills Sharpener - Pre-Algebra](#)
    - If you choose the workbook option, it MUST be this workbook!
  - Work on IXL 8th grade Math skills - See above for requirements



**Be a Citizen Scientist!** Be a Citizen Scientist this Summer and document your work. How do you do this? Check out the website below and pick an activity that interests you and is able to complete. Then create a journal that documents what you do and what you learn. Be creative with your journal. It can be paper or google docs (use your school account). Please make sure it can be viewed in a format at school. You must have 6-8 entries to receive an extra credit ticket.

Suggested Sites:

<https://scistarter.com/citizenscience.html>

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/>

<https://www.citizenscience.gov/#>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/idea/citizen-science-projects/>

<https://science.nasa.gov/citizenscience>

**Science Summer Extra Credit:** Whether you are traveling near or far this summer put your scientific eyes on and examine the **WORLD!** Here is what you will need to do...

- Find a science specimen.
  - Make sure that you are **ALLOWED** to take it. (If not you can document it with pictures or a video. )
  - **Make sure it is not something that is dead and will SMELL, MOLD or make a MESS!**
  - Make sure it is not **ALIVE!**
- Place your specimen in a **plastic container. NO GLASS ALLOWED!**
- **THEN...** Put your name on your container, Get a 3 X 5 Note Card and Include the following:
  - Name (No NAME... No CREDIT)
  - Identify your specimen. Bonus if you can identify it with its scientific name.
  - Location: Tell us where you found this. City, State, etc.
  - Why: Tell us why you chose this specimen.
  - Facts: Include 3 to 4 interesting facts about your specimen.

Remember to bring this in during the first week of school! Cannot wait to see your Scientific Minds at work! **Areas of Study in Middle School:** 6th- Earth Science; 7th- Life Science; 8th- Physical Science (Chemistry & Physics)

**Good Luck**

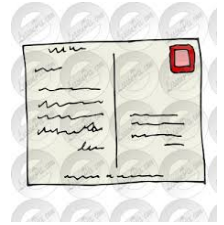


## **Summer Postcards:**

*Social Studies FUN Summer Assignment:  
As your travels take you near or far, take  
some time to tell about the history around  
you by dropping a postcard in  
the mail! Your postcard needs*

*to be related to HISTORY and focus on two of the five themes of  
geography -- location and place. Here's what is needed from you:*

- Must be in STUDENTS own handwriting!
- Proper letter writing technique on your postcard. Greeting, body, closing with **YOUR NAME!** You should remember that from the writing class! Don't forget proper punctuation!
- You must include the two themes, location, and place, in your writing. How will you do that? Well, on your postcard you will include the latitude and longitude (LOCATION) of your destination and some specifics about the PLACE such as climate, culture, or the landforms, for example.



Even if you don't leave Athens, history is here, too! **Postcards can be mailed to the address below or brought in during the first week of school**, but to receive credit the above information needs to be included.

### **Mailing Address:**

St. Joseph Catholic School  
Attn: Middle School Social Studies  
958 Epps Bridge Pkwy  
Athens, GA 30606

# ESPAÑOL



Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders:

- <https://studyspanish.com>
  - It is a great way to learn Spanish grammar through free helpful lessons and fun exercises.
  - **Spanish Pronunciation**
  - **Spanish Grammar**
  - **Spanish Vocabulary**
- <https://www.duolingo.com>
  - Duolingo is an online platform that includes a language-learning website and mobile app, as well as a digital language-proficiency assessment exam.
  - Duolingo also includes Duolingo Stories.
  - The company's mission is to make education free, fun, and accessible to all.
- <https://www.rockalingua.com>
  - Rockalingua is an online resource to help students learn Spanish.
  - Its methodology presents vocabulary and grammar structures in a way that students can enjoy.
  - Rockalingua uses videos, games, songs, worksheets, picture dictionaries, and short stories as a way to promote the learning process.
  - Please look for the word FREE when choosing an activity.