



McKinney ISD

Incoming 7th & 8th Grade

Recommended Summer Reading

May 2017

Dear Incoming 7th & 8th Grade English Student and Parent or Guardian,

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Independent reading has many benefits:

- Support student's growth
- Improves vocabulary,
- Improves comprehension
- Improves test scores
- Improves writing skills

During the school year, McKinney ISD asks students to read a minimum of **120 minutes per week**. With this in mind, and in an effort to promote a passion for reading, McKinney ISD recommends that students continue to read over the summer months, and at a minimum, we recommend reading at least **4-5 books** they find interesting. Students could use their "Read-In Day" book list to begin planning for their summer reads.

There are a variety of ways to access these books:

- Students can check out books from their home campus before heading out for summer.
- Students have 24/7 access to Overdrive, the McKinney ISD digital library, which students can access here: <http://digitallibrary.mckinneyisd.net>
- McKinney Public Libraries: Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library, and John & Judy Gay Library. Visit mckinneytexas.org and check out: Home > Culture & Recreation > **Library** for information regarding booklists organized by interest, library addresses, and hours of operation.

If you or your child have any questions, please contact the following English department contact on your child's campus:

Cockrill Middle School: Judy Mercer (jmercerc@mckinneyisd.net)
Dowell Middle School: Christie Thompson (cthompson@mckinneyisd.net)
Evans Middle School: Pat Beckham (pbeckham@mckinneyisd.net)
Faubion Middle School: Shanda Timpanaro (stimpanaro@mckinneyisd.net)
Scott Johnson Middle School: Beth Davis (bedavis@mckinneyisd.net)

As a district, McKinney ISD embraces the life-long love of reading; it is our goal to instill this love in our students. We also recommend that as a parent/guardian, you read along with your child, so you can discuss the books they read. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
The Secondary English Team of McKinney ISD