

Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy
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Dear Upper School Students and Families,

Happy summer! As part of RMCA's commitment to fostering a love for reading and supporting academic growth over the summer months, all middle and high school students are required to complete two summer assignments.

The first assignment is a **Summer Reading Book Report**. This assignment is designed to encourage students to think critically about literature, to improve their comprehension skills, and to prepare them for the upcoming school year.

Summer Reading Book Report Requirements:

1. Book selection

- I am allowing students to choose a book that is relevant to their own interests, but it **MUST** be an age-appropriate book. While I do consider graphic novels and comics to be engaging and valuable, they will not be acceptable choices for this assignment.
- Books should have substantial literary, historical, or thematic value.
- Please feel free to reach out to ensure the chosen book is approved.

2. Book report guidelines

- Title, Author, Genre: These elements must be included in the introduction of your book report.
- Brief Summary (5-7 sentences): Describe the main plot or subject of the book.
- Character Analysis (for fiction): Focus on the main character(s) - their traits, motivations, and development throughout the story. **DO NOT JUST INCLUDE A LIST OF CHARACTERS.**
- Theme Discussion: Identify and explain one or more central themes of the book.
- Personal Reflection: Share your opinion of the book, what you learned, and why you would (or wouldn't) recommend it.

3. Format requirements

- Typed or **NEATLY** handwritten
- 1-2 pages in length (can double space if typed)
- Use complete sentences and separate them into multiple paragraphs

This summer assignment will be due on the first two days of class: **August 26th or 27th**. They may be printed out and turned in to me directly or emailed. Book reports will be graded for completeness, content, and effort.

Summer IXL Requirements:

1. Rather than a second reading assignment, students will be required to complete **five hours of skill work on IXL**. Students will need to complete the assigned skills. Mrs. Williams is sending more information home with the specific requirements.

This summer assignment will be due following Labor Day Weekend: **September 3rd**.

Both the book report and the IXL completion will be counted as a part of the first quarter grade. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at shall@rmcacademy.org.

I hope you find yourself reading more than just to meet the requirements this summer! I look forward to hearing about all of the adventures that your books take you on as well as reading your book reports this fall.

Happy reading!

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