

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Summer 2024

Dear Level IV Families and Students,

Each summer, students at SSCPS are required to complete summer reading. Summer reading is one way of preventing the learning loss that can happen over the summer as well as encouraging your students to become lifelong readers.

Grade 7 students will read **one assigned book** (*Milkweed* by Gerry Spinelli) and **one choice book** (2 books in total). They should also read one book for social studies.

For the assigned English Language Arts book you will complete a reading log that has been placed on the summer reading site. You are not expected to complete a reading log for the social studies selection.

For the choice book, students will complete a project which can be found on the summer reading site. The **choice book** should be selected from either The Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners list or The Newbery Award-Winning Novels list. Both lists are available on the summer reading site.

If you feel the need to **preview the books** your students select: www.commonsemmedia.org is a trusted site.

Assignments based on these books are available on the SSCPS Summer Reading site. These assignments can be handed in or shared electronically with your teacher during the first week of school. Summer reading assignments will be part of each student's grade for quarter 1.

Grade 8 students will read **one assigned book** (*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton) and **one choice book** (2 books in total). They should also read one book for social studies.

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For the choice book, students will complete a project which can be found on the summer reading site. The **choice book** should be selected from either **The Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners list** or **The Newbery Award-Winning Novels list**. Both lists are available on the summer reading site.

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It is highly recommended that each student read for 15 minutes per day over the summer. This daily reading can include all forms of literature and will help strengthen fluency, and vocabulary, and hopefully increase the enjoyment of independent reading!

If you have any questions, please email one of the Level IV ELA teachers: Katie Curry (kcurry@sscps.org 8th grade ELA), Jenn Johnson (jjohnson@sscps.org 7th grade ELA). Please send questions about the social studies summer reading to Kristen Connolly (kconnolly@sscps.org).

Sincerely,
Hanora Broderick
Katie Curry
Jenn Johnson

Summer Reading 2024 Level IV – Grades 7 and 8

Please use these resources to access books that are listed here:

Local libraries

Openlibrary.org

National Emergency Library

<https://ellstudents.com/blogs/the-confianza-way/ittakesavillage-free-multilingual-online-libraries-amp-books> (multilingual books)

<https://www.biracialbookworms.com/multicultural-library-guide/>

<https://www.getepic.com/> (please check to ensure payment is not expected)

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> (Free audible books)

<https://learningally.org/>

Conversations about Racism

Here is a list of books compiled by Parent's Magazine that might help in any conversations you are having with your children on the topic of racism. The appropriate age range for each book is included with the title.

<https://www.todaysparent.com/family/books/kids-books-that-talk-about-racism/#gallery/books-that-talk-about-racism/slide-1>

7th Grade ELA Required - Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli and one book of choice from the attached lists.

Book 1:

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli and complete the attached [Summer Reading Log](#)

A downloadable PDF of Milkweed can be found [here](#).

Book 2

Choose from any source as long as it is age and grade-appropriate. **Make a copy of your chosen option!**

[Option 1](#): Write a 3 paragraph essay discussing the theme

[Option 2](#): Design a comic strip that portrays one scene

[Option 3](#): Design a new book jacket

[Option 4](#): Answer various interview questions from the perspective of one of the main characters

[Option 5](#): Create a five song playlist for one of the main characters and explain why you chose each song using both the lyrics and the story.

8th Grade ELA Required - The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and one book of choice from the attached lists.

Book 1:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and complete the attached [Summer Reading Log](#)

A downloadable PDF of The Outsiders can be found [here](#)

Book 2

Choose from any source as long as it is age and grade-appropriate. **Make a copy of your chosen option!**

[Option 1](#): Write a 3 paragraph essay discussing the theme

[Option 2](#): Design a comic strip that portrays one scene

[Option 3](#): Design a new book jacket

[Option 4](#): Answer various interview questions from the perspective of one of the main characters

[Option 5](#): Create a five song playlist for one of the main characters and explain why you chose each song using both the lyrics and the story.

Assignments due September 1, 2024.

Cookbooks: for a fun read!

The Family Dinner: Great Ways to Connect with your Kids, One Meal at a Time by Laurie David

The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook. (Grades 5-8)

The Stonyfield Farm Yogurt Cookbook by Meg Cadoux Hirshberg. (Grades: 6-12)



CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARD WINNERS

2001 - 2020 AUTHORS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2020
Jerry Craft
<i>New Kid</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2010
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
<i>Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable
Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2019
Claire Harfield
<i>A Few Red Drops:
The Chicago Race Riot of 1919</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2009
Kadir Nelson
<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro
League Baseball</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2018
Renée Watson
<i>Piecing Me Together</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2008
Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2017
John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
<i>March: Book Three</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2007
Sharon Draper
<i>Copper Sun</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2016
Rita Williams-Garcia
<i>Gone Crazy in Alabama</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2006
Julius Lester
<i>Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2015
Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2005
Toni Morrison
<i>Remember: The Journey
to School Integration</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2014
Rita Williams-Garcia
<i>P.S. Be Eleven</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2004
Angela Johnson
<i>The First Part Last</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2013
Andrea Davis Pinkney
<i>Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men
Who Changed America</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2003
Nikki Grimes
<i>Bronx Masquerade</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2012
Kadir Nelson
<i>Heart and Soul: The Story of
America and African Americans</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2002
Mildred Taylor
<i>The Land</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2011
Rita Williams-Garcia
<i>One Crazy Summer</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 2001
Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Miracle's Boys</i> |

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. Learn more at <http://www.ala.org/rt/em/ert/ctskbookawards>.

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2001 - 2020 ILLUSTRATORS

- 2020
Kadir Nelson
The Undefeated
- 2019
Ekua Holme
The Stuff of Stars
- 2018
Ekua Holme
*Out of Wonder:
Poems Celebrating Poets*
- 2017
Javaka Steptoe
*Radiant Child: The Story of Young
Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*
- 2016
Bryan Collier
Trombone Shorty
- 2015
Christopher Myers
Firebird
- 2014
Bryan Collier
*Knock Knock: My Dad's
Dream for Me*
- 2013
Bryan Collier
I, Too, Am America
- 2012
Shane W. Evans
*Underground: Finding the
Light to Freedom*
- 2011
Bryan Collier
Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave
- 2010
Charles R. Smith Jr.
My People
- 2009
Floyd Cooper
The Blacker the Berry
- 2008
Ashley Bryan
Let it Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals
- 2007
Kadir Nelson
*Moses: When Harriet Tubman
Led Her People to Freedom*
- 2006
Bryan Collier
Rosa
- 2005
Kadir Nelson
Ellington Was Not a Street
- 2004
Ashley Bryan
Beautiful Blackbird
- 2003
E. B. Lewis
*Talkin' About Bessie:
The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman*
- 2002
Jerry Pinkney
Goin' Someplace Special
- 2001
Bryan Collier
Uptown

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Newbery Medal Winners, 1922-Present

- 1922: The Story of Mankind by Hendrik Willem van Loon
1923: The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle by Hugh Lofting
1924: The Dark Frigate by Charles Hawes
1925: Tales from Silver Lands by Charles Finger
1926: Shen of the Sea by Arthur Bowie Chrisman
1927: Smokey, the Cowhorse by Will James
1929: The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P.Kelly
1930: Hitty, Her First Hundred Years by Rachel Field
1931: The Cat Who Went to Heaven by Elizabeth Coatsworth
1932: Waterless Mountain by Laura Adams Armer
1934: Invincible Louisa: The Story of the Author of Little Women by Cornelia Meigs
1935: Dobry by Monica Shannon
1936: Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink
1937: Roller Skates by Ruth Sawyer
1938: The White Stag by Kate Seredy
1939: Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright
1940: Daniel Boone by James Daugherty
1941: Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
1942: The Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds
1943: Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Janet Gray
1944: Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
1945: Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
1946: Strawberry Girl by Lois Lensky
1947: Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
1948: The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois
1949: King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry
1950: The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
1951: Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
1952: Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes
1953: Secret of the Andes by Ann Nolan Clark
1954: And Now Miguel by Joseph Krumgold
1955: The Wheel on the School by Meindert DeJong
1956: Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham
1957: Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorenson
1958: Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith
1959: The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
1960: Onion John by Joseph Krumgold
1961: Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
1962: The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
1963: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
1964: It's Like This, Cat by Emily Neville
1965: Shadow of a Bull by Maia Wojciechowskay
1966: I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino
1967: Up a Road Slowly by Irene Hunt
1968: From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L.Konigsburg
1969: The High King by Lloyd Alexander
1970: Souder by William H. Armstrong
1971: Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
1972: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
1973: Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
1974: The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
1975: M.C. Higgins, the Great by Virginia Hamilton
1976: The Grey King by Susan Cooper

1977: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
1978: Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
1979: The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
1980: A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832 by Joan W. Blos
1981: Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson
1982: A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers by Nancy Willard
1983: Dacey's Song by Cynthia Voigt
1984: Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
1985: The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley
1986: Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
1987: The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
1988: Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russel Freedman
1989: Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman
1990: Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
1991: Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
1992: Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1993: Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
1994: The Giver by Lois Lowry
1996: The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman
1997: The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg
1998: Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
1999: Holes by Louis Sachar
2000: Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
2001: A Year Down Under by Richard Peck
2002: A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
2003: Crispin: The Cross of the Lead by Avi
2004: The Tale of Despereaux: Being a Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo
2005: Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
2006: Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins
2007: The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron
2008: Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz
2009: The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
2010: When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
2011: Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool
2012: Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
2013: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
2014: Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo
2015: The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
2016: Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena
2017: The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
2018: Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
2019: Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
2020: New Kid by Jerry Craft
2021: When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Kelle
2022: The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Level IV Social Studies Summer Reading 2024

Please read **one** book from the appropriate grade-level list.

For students entering grade 7:

- *Bound* by Donna Jo Napoli
- *The Iron Ring* by Lloyd Alexander
- *The Adventures of Ulysses* by Bernard Evslin
- *The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff

For students entering grade 8:

- *Notorious RBG: Young Readers' Edition: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik
- *March: Book One* by Andrew Aydin, John Lewis, and Nate Powell
- *Warriors Don't Cry: The Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High School* by Melba Pattillo Beals

Reading is one of the best ways for students to avoid learning loss that can occur over summer break. In order for our students to retain and enhance the skills they worked so diligently to gain, we encourage students to read their summer reading text closely. While no specific note-taking method is required, students are encouraged to read actively so that they can recall details to enhance class discussions throughout the school year.

Students who enroll late in the summer are encouraged to read at least a chapter from a grade-level selection.

We hope you enjoy your reading selection, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts upon your return to school.