



June, 2019

Middle School Parents:

Greetings to you all! Attached is information about our Summer Reading Program. Our goal with this program is to enhance your child's reading fluency, vocabulary development and comprehension skills over the summer months, to prevent the "summer slide" and increase his or her confidence next year. Children who read on a regular basis perform well in their academics and become more enthusiastic about learning. Here at DCA we foster an environment of excitement about learning as well as read as a means to discover the world which our Almighty Creator has made for us. We appreciate your support and encouragement as your child makes a habit of reading this summer.

Please keep in mind as you review the list and guidelines for your child's grade level that we have attempted to gather a collection of books suitable for average readers. Ultimately, students should read selections at their unique reading level. We have made the selections based on their literary value, moral and ethical points of view, and capacity to stimulate a student's critical thinking skills. We suggest that you take the time to read the books yourself. This can inspire a lively discussion about how the book's contents line up with your family's point of view. The list is not meant to be comprehensive, so feel free to select books beyond the list. It is important for students to select books which interest them. If you have any questions or would like additional suggestions, please contact me.

We also suggest that you and your child set aside a time each day for reading. Select a time of day that is relaxed and quiet, and it will soon become a time that you both look forward to. Incidentally, reading aloud together can also be a wonderful way to spend quality moments. May God richly bless your summer as you experience many new reading adventures. Thank you for helping us to grow enthusiastic learners!

Select books from your child's given list or others which interest them, and complete the respective Reading Log to keep track of their progress. Paragraphs and log may be turned in on the second day of school:

****Suggested summer reading plan**

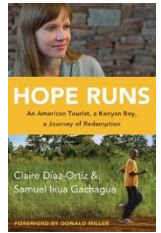
Entering Grade 8

**600-900 minutes

Read *Hope Runs*, *Gifted Hands*, or *Linspired* and write a summary/evaluation.



Dayspring Christian Academy Summer Reading List
Students Entering Grade 8



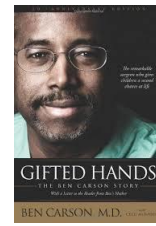
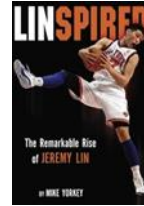
Choose one of the following:

Author

Carson, Ben
 Diaz-Ortiz, Claire & Gachagua, Samuel
 Yorkey, Mike

Title

*Gifted Hands**
*Hope Runs**
*Linspired**



*Any one of these biographies is required reading for all 8th graders.
 They may be purchased for under \$10 at Amazon.com, if not available at the library.

Assignment (due the second day of school):

Write or type a 5-10 sentence summary of the book, including textual evidence (a small quote or portion of the reading) to support what you think is the most impactful part of the novel. Also, write a 5-10 sentence explanation of your thoughts about the person’s testimony and how their story impacts your walk with Christ. This assignment will be the basis for a Response Essay on the book during the first few weeks of school.

Your other book choice(s) could come from the list below or others to use as you fill out your reading log. If you have any questions regarding other wholesome, appropriate reading selections, please feel free to email me with questions! ktheroux@dayspringag.org
Goal: 600 minutes

Author

Adams, Richard
 Andersen, Laurie
 Anderson, Neil T.
 Avi
 Bissinger, H.G.
 Boyne, John
 Capuzzo, Michael
 Cooney, Caroline B.
 Cormier, Robert
 Davis, Katie J.
 Fleishman, Sid
 Forbes, Kathryn
 Freedman, Russell
 Frank, Anne
 Haddon, Mark
 Harris, Alex & Brett
 Hesse, Karen
 Lewis, C.S.
 Lowry, Lois
 Mass Market Paperback
 MacDonald, George
 Potok, Chaim
 Ritter, John
 Rylant, Cynthia
 Spinelli, Jerry
 Steinbeck, John
 Tolkien, J.R.
 Twain, Mark
 Twain, Mark
 Yolen, Jane

Title

Watership Down
 Fever 1793
 Stomping out the Darkness
 Nothing But the Truth
 Friday Night Lights
 The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
 Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916
 The Face on the Milk Carton (AND/OR) Flight #116 is Down!
 Tunes for Bears to Dance To
 Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption
 Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini
 Mama’s Bank Account
 The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson
 Diary of a Young Girl
 The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
 Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations
 Witness
 The Last Battle
 Gathering Blue
 Anne Frank – The Diary of a Young Girl
 The Baronet’s Song
 The Chosen
 Under the Baseball Moon
 Missing May
 Stargirl
 The Pearl
 The Hobbit
 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
 The Prince and the Pauper
 Girl in a Cage

