

June 2, 2022

Dear ETJMS Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. With summer right around the corner, we are excited to share with you some information about our summer reading and math plans at ETJMS!

Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and practicing math in order to improve their skills. Summer reading and math practice are critical for students to not only retain skills learned in the previous school year, but also to grow in knowledge and critical thinking skills needed for the upcoming year. Students who don't practice are at risk for skill regression. Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, summer work keeps the brain in shape. If you don't exercise, you lose muscle, and if you don't read and practice, your literacy and math skills may decline.

Summer Reading:

We are encouraging students to read at least one novel of their choice over the summer and complete some of the attached activities. [Summer Activities](#)

Need a book recommendation? Check out the top picks from our teachers!

Ms. Baumgart

The Revenge of Magic by James Riley

Wink by Rob Harrell

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Ms. Dagata

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The Selection series by Kiera Cass

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Mr. Bossi

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

Stuntboy, In the Meantime by Jason Reynolds

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander

Ms. Steeves

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Ms. Bunker

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Shadow Spinner by Susan Fletcher

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Ms. Daly

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Attached are recommendations from our curriculum, *Teachers College Reading and Writing Project*.

[Book Series by Levels](#)

[Books by Bands of Levels](#)

We also encourage you to stop by the **Terryville Public Library** to browse for your favorite titles!

Their current hours are:

M, W, & F 10am – 5pm

T & Th 1pm – 8pm

Sat 10am – 5pm (Closed Saturday in July and August)

Closed Sun

Phone number: 860-582-3121

Email: tplstaff@biblio.org

Terryville Public Library Summer Reading Program - Please see the attached flyers from Jessica Archambault, Librarian of the Children's Department, and Gretchen DelCegno, Library Director, at Terryville Public Library.

[Summer Reading Flyer](#)

[Teen Flyer](#)

Summer Math:

We would also like students to participate in the Summer Math Challenge. It is a free, six-week program that helps students practice math skills taught during the school year. When you enroll, you'll get access to daily fun activities and resources designed for your grade and ability level.

The 2022 Summer Math Challenge will begin on Monday, June 20th. Register for a free account to begin. You can register here: <https://hub.lexile.com/Summer-Math-Challenge>

Keep track of your work using this [log](#).

We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Thank you,

ETJ Middle School Staff