

2016 RCPS Summer Reading Requirement Options for Rising Sixth-Twelfth Grade Students

All students entering grades 6-12 for the 2016-2017 school-year are required to complete a summer reading assignment. To better equip students for success with these assignments, teachers will be conferencing with students about their book selection and the required assignment during the month of May. In addition, students are required to read a second text of his/her choosing. Although there is no written requirement for the choice text, we hope you will discuss the benefits of reading with your child and encourage him/her to select additional titles to read this summer. All students who enroll in Rockdale County Public Schools prior to August 8th are required to complete the summer reading assignments.

For the 2016-2017 school year, we are offering two summer reading options for students. Please read and discuss the Summer Reading Requirements below with your child to determine which option is best for him/her.

Option 1:

1. Students must read one book from the required reading list for the grade level they will enter August 2016.
2. Students will complete three short assignments on the required book they selected, which are due August 12th. The specific guidelines and rubric for the assignment are included on the next page. *The project is worth 100 points; however, students receive five bonus points for creativity. (Specific details are listed in the rubric.)*
3. Students must read a minimum of one choice novel, article, etc. based on their own interests.

RCPS is pleased to announce that students may check out titles from the summer reading lists and other high interest books from the Summer Lunch Mobile Program. School buses will visit neighborhoods across Rockdale each day to deliver lunches and books. Please note that the Nancy Guinn library has limited copies of titles from the Summer Reading list, so we strongly encourage students to take advantage of this additional resource.

Option 2 (available only to students with Achieve 3000 access):

In the Achieve 3000 on-line platform, your child will read high-interest, informational articles, customized to match his/her specific reading level. Each article includes a variety of fun activities to improve your child's comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills. Doing his/her best on the activities will ensure the best match between your child's ability and the content delivered. It is also important that your child's answers to the questions reflect work completed independently and without extra assistance.

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 activities on the Achieve 3000 platform. A complete activity consists of:
 - a. Responding to the Before Reading Poll,
 - b. Reading the Article,
 - c. Answering the Activity Questions, *and*
 - d. Responding to the After Reading Poll.
2. Students must score a minimum average of 75% on 15 reading activities. You will see the score in the program platform.
3. Students must complete the Thought Question writing activity for a minimum of five articles.
4. Students who have not met the requirements for the Achieve 3000 option by August 1st must follow the requirements listed under the 2016 RCPS Summer Reading Requirements Option 1.

Students who choose Option 2 should log on to <http://login.achieve3000.com> with the following username and password.

Username:

Password:

If you have any questions about either 2016 Summer Reading Requirement Option, please contact your child's language arts teacher or Dr. Erika Y. Tucker, RCPS K-12 English Language Arts Coordinator at 770-918-6180 or etucker@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

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