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"TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book." ~Author Unknown

Dear Parents,

As you know the summer months are upon us and while we are all looking forward to the warm, relaxing summer days, we need to ensure that our students are doing their best to retain the reading skills they acquired in the course of this school year.

To ensure a smooth transition into the next school year and to avoid the inevitable summer slide, please find the suggested summer reading lists below. The Big Apple Academy's English Language Arts curriculum is fully aligned to the Common Core curriculum and adhering to the following reading list will facilitate your child's continued transition to the new standards.

Please note that we are not specifying how many books should be read because we know that the more your child will read this summer, the greater will be his/her success in the next school year. Therefore, we ask you to help us and encourage your child to read daily. Attached to this letter, you will find a reading log which must be maintained on a daily basis. For every day that your child reads, a log entry must be made to designate the specific number of pages your child read on any certain day. Logging in a book after it has been completed does not show us the progress and pace at which your child read. The completed reading log should have approximately 40 logged entries which represent your child's and your involvement in the summer reading. Your child will be required to submit his/her reading list at the start of the new school year.

Please note the following requirements for the 2016-2017 school year:

ALL students of Grades 3-8 are required to acquire a copy of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary to be used on a daily basis throughout the school year.



Happy Readings!

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Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 8

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO READ AT LEAST 4 TITLES

Title	Author
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson
The Thief	Megan Whalen Turner
A Child Called "It"	Dave Pelzer
Kissing the Doorknobs	Terry Spencer Hesser
The Pigman	Paul Zindel
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card
And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie
The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane
Night	Elie Wiesel
Goodbye, Mr. Chips	James Hilton
Rocket Boys	Homer H. Hickman
The Pearl	John Steinbeck
The War of the Worlds	H. G. Wells
Life of Pi	Yann Martel
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros
The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway
The Darkest Minds	Alexandra Bracken
Monster	Walter Dean Myers
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini
The Outsiders	S.E. Hinton
Flowers for Algernon	Daniel Keyes

