



Sixth Grade Summer Academic Enrichment

Summer 2015

Dear Parents:

Tampa Day School is providing summer enrichment work to help prevent summer learning loss. The assignments will consist of **mandatory reading activities** as well as suggested math and writing activities to keep your child academically engaged throughout the summer break.

As a general guideline, Tampa Day School is encouraging students to engage in academic activities for at least 30 minutes each weekday. We need the support of parents to help students reach this goal.

By the end of the summer, students should complete the following:

REQUIRED READING - Assignments for the preparation of the 2014-15 school year have been selected as follows:

- Students must complete the mandatory book report(s):
 - Incoming **2nd -3rd grade students:** Complete **ONE book report**
 - Incoming **4th-5th grade students:** Complete **TWO book reports, ONE Biography & ONE Fiction.**
 - Incoming **6th – 8th grade students:** **ONE required reading & project** and **ONE student selected book & project.**

The grade specific reading activities are attached



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SUGGESTED MATH – Below are suggested IXL activities by grade level.
 Students should work on the grade lesson for the grade they are exiting (Ex. A students exiting 5th and going to 6th should work on 5th grade lessons)

Entering Grade	IXL Grade Level to Complete	Suggested Lessons
2-3	2	H.9 Subtraction word problems- up to two digits T.1 Identify 2- dimensional shapes P.3 Count money U.3 Identify the fraction R.3 Interpret bar graphs
4	3	B.1 Place value models R.5 Symmetry K.2 Solve for the variable E.11 Multiply one digit number by a larger number N.2 Which picture shows more?
5	4	B.9 Estimate Sums: word problems D.23 Multiply a 2-digit number by a larger number: word problems E.9 Divide larger numbers by 1-digit numbers: word problems F.4 Multi-step word problems G.5 Write equations to represent word problems
6	5	B.17 Area of triangles G.5 Multiply decimals by a whole number word problems M.6 Add fractions with unlike denominators U.1 Price lists H.12 Divide large numbers by 2-digit numbers
7	6	P.20 Solving equations with like terms Z.24 Area of compound figures O.7 Division with decimal quotients R.5 Create line plots X.2 Mixed operations-word problems
8	7	J.5 Unit rates S.1 Points on a coordinate graph L.6 Percent of a number O.4 Create and interpret line plots with fractions U.1 Write variable expressions

- If your child has previously completed one of the IXL lessons listed above they may select an IXL lesson of their choice to replace the one previously completed.



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SUGGESTED WRITING - Suggested journal prompts are listed below. Students are encouraged to keep a journal this summer. The journal prompts are great starters. We are suggesting that students respond to approximately 5 prompts (either from the list or any other topic).

- What was the most exciting activity you did this summer?
- Write about a movie you saw this summer.
- Where did you go on vacation?
- Describe your perfect summer day.
- What friends did you spend time with? Tell what you did.
- If I could go anywhere this summer I would go...
- If you found a magic wand this summer what would you do with it?
- Are you looking forward to coming back to school in August? Why or Why not?
- My favorite indoor summer activity is...
- My favorite outdoor summer activity is...
- If you won \$1,000 in a contest, what would you do with the money?
- What kind of car would you like to drive and why?
- Describe a food that you would not want to eat.

Students who complete the suggested assignments will participate in a reward activity in September.

Summer Assignments will be due September 4, 2015.



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Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Projects will be graded and are due by Friday, September 04, 2015.

Required: *The Magician's Elephant*

Project Choices

After reading ***The Magician's Elephant***, complete **one** of the following options:

Option 1: Type a 300 word summary of the book that includes all important characters and the main events of the story from beginning to middle to end. Students should be prepared to read this to the class.

Option 2: Create a journal for one of the characters. Using the character's viewpoint and perspective, write a one-paragraph entry for each chapter. Remember to include setting, plot details, conflicts, and the character's feelings in each entry. Students should be prepared to read excerpts from the journal to the class.

Option 3: Create a video or PowerPoint presentation that retells/summarizes the book. Cut and paste photos from online that show the characters and setting of the story. Students should be prepared to present this to the class.

Required: **Student Selected Book**

Choose one book from the attached reading list.

Student Selected Project

After reading the book of your choice, complete one of the following options:

Fiction Option 1: Complete the attached book report form.

Non-Fiction Option 2: Imagine the book has been made into a



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movie. Create a poster advertising the movie and include a one paragraph summary of the story.

Non-Fiction Option 1: Complete the main idea and details chart attached for each section of the book.

Non-fiction Option 2: Tell 3-5 new things you learned from reading this book. Present this information in written paragraphs or in a PowerPoint presentation with one new slide for each piece of information learned.

Booklist

The Magician's Elephant (fiction) Lexile 730 (required)

When ten-year-old orphan Peter encounters a fortuneteller in the marketplace, she tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, so he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures as he desperately tries to find her.

Loser (fiction) Lexile 650

Just like other kids, Zinkoff rides his bike, hopes for snow days, and wants to be like his dad when he grows up. But Zinkoff also raises his hand with all the wrong answers, trips over his own feet, and falls down with laughter over a word like "Jabip." Other kids have their own word to describe him, but Zinkoff is too busy to hear it. He doesn't know he's not like everyone else. One winter night, Zinkoff's differences show that any name can someday become "hero." This book has won the Judy Lopez Memorial Award (Women's National Book Association, Los Angeles Chapter) and the Mark Twain Award.

A Wrinkle in Time (fiction) Lexile 740

Meg Murray, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. He claims to have been blown off course, and goes



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on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which is a wrinkle in time. Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father? The book won a [Newbery Medal](#), [Sequoyah Book Award](#), and [Lewis Carroll Shelf Award](#), and was runner-up for the [Hans Christian Andersen Award](#). It is the first in L'Engle's [series of books](#) about the Murray and O'Keefe families.

The Wednesday Wars (fiction) Lexile 990

Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling—he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs; angry rats; and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling finds Motivation—the Big M—in the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.

The Watsons Go To Birmingham (fiction) Lexile 1000

This historical fiction book is about an African American family living in the town of Flint, Michigan. When Kenny Watson's brother, Byron, gets to be too much trouble, the Watson family heads south to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they happen to be in Birmingham when Grandma's church is bombed. It received a Newbery



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Honor, the Coretta Scott King Award, and the Golden Kite Award. The book includes the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, a critical catalyst of the American civil rights movement.

When You Reach Me (fiction) Lexile 750

By sixth grade, Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know how to navigate their New York City neighborhood. They know where it's safe to go, and they know who to avoid. But things start to unravel. Sal gets punched by a kid on the street for what seems like no reason, and he shuts Miranda out of his life. The apartment key that Miranda's mom keeps hidden for emergencies is stolen. Then a mysterious note arrives, scrawled on a tiny slip of paper. The notes keep coming, and Miranda slowly realizes that whoever is leaving them knows things no one should know. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. *When You Reach Me* is a [Newbery Medal](#)-winning science fiction and [mystery](#) novel by [Rebecca Stead](#),

Surviving the Applewhites (fiction) Lexile 820

Will anyone take on Jake Semple? Jake Semple is notorious. Rumor has it he burned down his old school and got kicked out of every school in his home state. Only one place will take him now, and that's a home school run by the Applewhites, a chaotic and hilarious family of artists. The only one who doesn't fit the Applewhite mold is E.D.—a smart, sensible girl who immediately clashes with the unruly Jake. Jake thinks surviving this one will be a breeze . . . but is he really as tough or as bad as he seems? This book has received the Newbery Honor Book award and ALA Booklist Editors' choice



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Esperanza Rising (fiction) Lexile 750

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

Winner of the Pura Belpre Medal, the Jane Addams Peace Award, an ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults, and the Americas Award Honor Book.

Hatchet (fiction) Lexile 1020

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present -- and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent's divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self pity, or despair -- it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive. This book is a Newberry Award Winner.

One Crazy Summer (fiction) Lexile 750

Set during one of the most tumultuous years in recent American history, *One Crazy Summer* is the heartbreaking, funny tale of three girls who travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 in search of the mother who abandoned them. It's an unforgettable story told by a distinguished author of books for children and teens, Rita Williams-Garcia. This book is the winner of the 2011 Coretta Scott King Author Award and a 2011 Newbery Honor Book.



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The Whole Story of Half a Girl (fiction) Lexile 960

After her father loses his job, Sonia Nadhamuni, half Indian and half Jewish American, finds herself yanked out of private school and thrown into the unfamiliar world of public education. For the first time, Sonia's mixed heritage makes her classmates ask questions—questions Sonia doesn't always know how to answer—as she navigates between a group of popular girls who want her to try out for the cheerleading squad and other students who aren't part of the "in" crowd. She's also dealing with what it means to have an out-of-work parent—it's hard for her family to adjust to their changed circumstances. And then, one day, Sonia's father goes missing. Now Sonia wonders if she ever really knew him. As she begins to look for answers, she must decide what really matters and who her true friends are—and whether her two halves, no matter how different, can make her a whole. This book is the winner of the ALA Award.

Out of My Mind (fiction) Lexile 700

Eleven-year-old Melody has cerebral palsy and a photographic memory. Her head is like a video camera that is always recording and there's no delete button. She's the smartest kid in her whole school—but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers and doctors included—don't think she's capable of learning, and up until recently her school days consisted of listening to the same preschool-level alphabet lessons again and again and again. If only she could speak up, if only she could tell people what she thinks and knows. But she can't. She can't talk. She can't walk. She can't write. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind—that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. At last Melody has a voice . . . but not everyone around her is ready to hear it. This book was a New York Times Bestselling novel for nine weeks, and received the Josette Frank Award by the Children's Book Committee.



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Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (non-fiction) Lexile 1110

When Rosa Parks quietly refused to give up her bus seat to a white man, the Montgomery bus boycott was sparked. That yearlong struggle eventually ended bus segregation and contributed to the civil rights movement. Key personalities and events are related in a compelling way in this very informative book.

Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food (non-fiction) Lexile 1110

In the New York Times bestseller *Chew on This*, Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson unwrap the fast-food industry to bring you a behind-the-scenes look at a business that both feeds and feeds off the young. Find out what really goes on at your favorite restaurants—and what lurks between those sesame seed buns.

Ordinary Genius: The Story of Albert Einstein (non-fiction) Lexile 880

A chronicle of the life of the great scientist Albert Einstein features a simple yet informative text that focuses not only on his scientific discoveries but on his personal life, including his Jewish pride and his hatred of violence.

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions By Women (non-fiction) Lexile 960

In kitchens and living rooms, in garages and labs and basements, even in converted chicken coops, women and girls have invented ingenious innovations that have made our lives simpler and better. Their creations are some of the most enduring (the windshield wiper) and best loved (the chocolate chip cookie). What inspired these women, and just how did they turn their ideas into realities?



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Bodies From The Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii (non-fiction) Lexile 1120

In ancient times, Pompeii was one of the largest cities in the Roman Empire. Its 20,000 inhabitants lived in the shadow of Vesuvius, which they believed was nothing more than a mountain. But Vesuvius was a volcano. And on the morning of August 24, A.D. 79, Vesuvius began to erupt. Within twenty-four hours, the entire city of Pompeii—and many of its citizens—had been utterly annihilated. It was not until hundreds of years later that Pompeii saw daylight again, as archaeological excavations began to unearth what had been buried under layers of volcanic rubble. Digging crews expected to find buildings and jewelry and other treasures, but they found something unexpected, too: the imprints of lost Pompeiians, their deaths captured as if by photographic images in volcanic ash.

Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount. St Helens (non-fiction) Lexile 830

May 18, 1980, 8:32 A.M.: An earthquake suddenly triggered an avalanche on Mount St. Helens, a volcano in southern Washington State. Minutes later, Mount St. Helens blew the top off its peak and exploded into the most devastating volcanic eruption in U.S. history. What caused the eruption? What was left when it ended? What did scientists learn in its aftermath? In this extraordinary photographic essay, Patricia Lauber details the Mount St. Helens eruption and the years following. Through this clear accurate account, readers of all ages will share the awe of the scientists who witnessed both the power of the volcano and the resiliency of life.



DATE _____

Be sure to write neatly and in black or dark blue ink. Be sure to use complete sentences.

AUTHOR _____

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Describe the main characters and explain their importance to the story. What part did they play in novel? Did any of these characters change, or surprise you?

Main character

Detailed description:

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Main character

Detailed description:

Conflict: What is the main problem in the book? (Give details)

How did the book conclude? (Give details)



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What is your opinion of the book? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not? (Be sure to give specific details from the book to support your opinion.)



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Name _____ Date _____

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Supporting Details

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