



## **7th & 8th GRADE SUMMER 2026 ASSIGNMENTS**

TDS assigns summer enrichment work to help prevent summer learning loss. These assignments consist of **REQUIRED reading activities** and **IXL math practice assigned by your child's teacher**. The goal of these activities is to keep your child academically engaged throughout the summer break and to promote a strong start to the next school year. **These assignments are graded and are included in the first quarter reading and math grades.**

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 and will be sending periodic reminders to help students stay on track.

**NOTE: ALL Summer Assignments are due by AUGUST 20, 2026**

### **REQUIRED READING**

Students are required to read 2 books: one of the books is assigned to all students; the second book may be chosen from these options provided.

#### **REQUIRED NOVEL 1**

*Please read the novel and follow the link to print out and complete the written responses. The packets are due on August 20th. A quiz will be given when school starts in August.*

<b><u>ASSIGNMENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCOMING 7th Grade</u></b>	<b><u>INCOMING 8th Grade</u></b>
<b>Required Novel</b>	<a href="#">Holes</a> , by Louis Sachar	Pay it Forward, by Catherine Ryan Hyde
<b>Notes</b>	Complete the attached packet as you read.  <a href="#">Holes-Summer Packet</a>	Complete the attached question booklet as you read.  <a href="#">Pay It Forward Packet</a>
<b>QUIZ &amp; AR Test</b>	There will be a <b>QUIZ</b> when you return	There will be a <b>QUIZ</b> when you return

## **REQUIRED NOVEL 2 and PROJECT**

1. *Select a second book at your reading level to read.*
2. *This book must be age appropriate and must be a novel of fiction (not a graphic novel or nonfiction please).*
3. *When we return to school, you will be required to take an AR test on the book and complete a teacher assigned project.*
4. *The project will be started right away and will be due by August 20th, so make sure the book is read by the first day of school.*

**Special note to students entering 7th grade:** Please do not read: *The Breadwinner, A Wrinkle in Time, When You Reach Me, and Not Nothing.*

**Special note to students entering 8th grade:** Please do not read: *The Giver and The Outsiders*

**These novels are part of the curriculum and will be read as a class.**

**OPTIONAL Reading Resource:** A free **Learning Ally** account has been created for every student. Learning Ally provides access to an audio format in the event that your child prefers to use digital and audio books. Instructions for logging into Learning Ally are on the following page.

### **TO LOG INTO LEARNING ALLY:**

1. Go to [learningally.com](http://learningally.com) or click [Learning Ally Link](#)
2. Log in as follows:

**Username:** firstlast (student's first and last name, lower case, no spaces)

**Example:** jennifermitrakos

**Password:** tdsbirthmonthbirthday (tds,student's spelled out birth month, 2-digit birth day, no spaces)

**Example:** If a student was born on November 7th, the password is **tdsnovember07**

## REQUIRED MATH

**REQUIRED IXL MATH ASSIGNMENTS have been selected by your child's math teacher and need to be completed by August 22nd. This assignment counts as a TEST GRADE for the 1st quarter.**

### IXL assignments:

1. Students will complete the "From Your Teacher" list of math assignments in IXL (already assigned on the IXL site by your child's teacher).
2. Students should reach at least an 80% smartscore for the lesson to count as completed.

**Follow the steps below to access the IXL assignments "From Your Teacher"**

#### 1. [IXL sign in link](#)

Sign-in follows the format below:

**Username:** firstlast **Example:** jennifermitrakos (student's first and last name, lower case, no spaces) \*964 may be needed at the end of the username -this is added to usernames that are more common.

**Password:** tdsbirthmonthbirthday (tds,student's spelled out birth month, 2-digit birth day, no spaces **Example:** If a student was born on November 7th, the password is **tdsnovember07**

2. **Once on the IXL site, click on the "Learning" section**
3. **Then...click on "Recommendations Wall" and then "See Suggestions From Your Teacher" and complete the starred (\*) math lessons**

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