

# FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL *of* CHARLESTON

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Dear FBS Families,

As we close out another great school year, we want to ensure that all our valuable learning does not become a casualty to the “summer slide”. “If you don’t use it, you lose it!” Therefore, the teachers have worked hard to put together a meaningful, yet achievable, summer work packet. We know that doing school work over the summer is usually one of the last things students want to do, but we want to ensure that all the great material absorbed during the school year is retained and each student enters the new school year prepared. Research states that 2 months of reading skills and 2 ½ months of math skills are lost over a single summer. Please see the attached article for reference.

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

This is a staggering statistic which is preventable. By completing this work over the course of the summer along with being sure to engage in some type of intentional learning for 2-3 hours a week, can prevent the summer slide.

### **Family Read Aloud:**

There are many benefits to reading aloud to your child. It builds motivation, curiosity, and memory. As award winning children’s novelist, Emile Buchwald, believes “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” Reading aloud to your child also helps reduce stress and sets children up for academic success. This summer we are encouraging families to choose a book and engage in a read aloud as a family. The students who participate in this wonderful family activity will be invited to an ice cream party in the new library the first week of school! Here is a Google Classroom page where families can share their books and you can find more information on the importance of this practice.

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzU0OTY3NDgzOTcw?cjc=copkyks>

Please complete this [google form](#) to show that you and your child have read through this information.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to a great 2022-2023 school year.

Many Blessings,

Susan Brooks

## First Baptist Summer Reading Rising 6th Grade

Dear rising 6th grade students (and parents),

Reading is very important. Please read as much as you can this summer (above and beyond the requirement), and reap the many rewards of a reading life including improved vocabulary, understanding of others, and cultural knowledge. **It really does make you smarter.** Always put down a book you are not enjoying and try another!

### SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

**Part I:** Read *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. Then, **write a letter** from a character. Compose a **handwritten** letter on notebook paper from any character in the book to anyone else. It can be to another character, a real person, a local newspaper, or anyone/anything you can think of. Your letter must be in the first person (use "I") and must include three (3) details from the book. Remember, this will be my first impression of your writing and your school work in general, so do your best. Don't forget the signature!

Letters are due on the first day of school.

We will discuss *Ghost* the first week of school, so be sure to pay attention to the details of the book! We will also talk about the themes of facing fears and overcoming obstacles throughout the school year.

**Part II:** Read two books you have not already read. You can choose from the below authors or choose books by another author. Remember to choose books that are fun and interesting to you!

Lois Lowry  
Jerry Spinelli  
Louis Sachar  
Robert C. O'Brien  
Gary Paulsen  
Sharon Shinn  
Ann Rinaldi  
Anthony Horowitz  
Jacqueline Woodson

Cynthia Voight  
Kate DiCamillo  
Robin McKinley  
Shannon Hale  
Roald Dahl  
J. K. Rowling  
Madeline L'Engle  
Gary Schmidt  
Karyn Parsons

Avi  
Scott O'Dell  
Elizabeth George Speare  
Paul Curtis  
Jason Reynolds  
Pam Munoz Ryan  
Sharon Draper  
Kwame Alexander

Next, complete the following assignment for **one** of the books you read. Please complete the **TYPED** one-pager assignment exactly as explained on the next page. One pagers are due on the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please email me at [clarkb@fbschool.org](mailto:clarkb@fbschool.org). Happy reading!

-Mrs. Clark

*\*I recommend the website/app [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) for keeping track of the books you've read as well as for book recommendations, trivia, lists, and more! You can also check out books from the library by visiting <https://www.ccpl.org/>*

## Summer Reading general guidelines and MLA Format procedures:

(to be used with book #2 only)

1. Open a Google doc.
2. Font tab - Change font to Times New Roman, size 12 pt.
3. Paragraph tab – choose “double” line spacing
4. Page Layout tab – be sure your margins are 1” (normal)
5. Type your name, teacher’s name, class and date (day, month, year) in the top left:

Sally McStudent

Mrs. Clark

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6. Type your “brief reflections” – please know that brief reflection should be AT LEAST 5-8 sentences (standard paragraph form) and should contain AT LEAST 2 specific details from the book. Each paragraph should begin with a prompt from the “One Pager” handout.
7. Fill out and attach the “One Pager” handout to the front of each.
8. If you have poor handwriting, consider typing the “One Pager” information after your reflections (pages, rating, purpose, etc.)
9. REREAD what you have written to check for clarity, omissions, and grammatical errors.
10. Turn in accurate and appropriate work on the due date.

Summer Reading One Pager

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

One Pager

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Date started/ date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Pages read \_\_\_\_\_

Rating of book (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Choose two (2) of the following sentence starters and write a brief reflection for each. Attach your reflections to this sheet:

I noticed...

I wonder...

I was reminded of ...

I think ...

I'm surprised that ...

I'd like to know...

I realized...

If I were...

If \_\_\_\_\_, then...

I'm not sure ...

Author's purpose:

Intended audience(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## First Baptist Summer Math Requirement

Each student should complete the 5 IXL's listed below and the 5 other activities/worksheets. Your goal is to complete one activity per week. This should not be done all at once and should be spread out throughout the summer.

If you do not have an IXL account, please email Mrs. Brooks at [brookss@fbschool.org](mailto:brookss@fbschool.org)

All new students will receive their account information once they are enrolled.

**IXL Requirement:** Each skill should be completed to 90% but the goal is 100%. If you struggle with this particular skill and spend more than 40 minutes in one sitting, stop and come back to it on another day. Be sure to read through the suggestions on IXL and if you are still struggling, look up a video to help you with the concept. Showme.com is a great site full of teacher created videos.

IXL Assignment (6th Grade iXLs)	Completion Date	Achievement Score	Difficulty- circle one
A.6- Add and subtract whole numbers			Easy, medium, hard
B.1- Multiply whole numbers			Easy, medium, hard
J.1- Add or subtract fractions with like denominators			Easy, medium, hard
K.1- Fractions of whole numbers I			Easy, medium, hard
O.1- Add, subtract, multiply, or divide two whole numbers			Easy, medium, hard

5 Math assignments/activities:

Click [here](#) for summer math sheets.