



Rising 8th Grade

Summer Math, Chemistry, English, and Social Studies

Math:

- Your child should work on math skills in the workbooks listed below for a minimum of 60 minutes each week. Please have your student [print this math log](#) to keep track of their work. A week or two off throughout the summer is fine for camp, vacations, etc. The goal is to spread the work out so that it doesn't all happen the week before school starts, as this is better for keeping skills sharp.
- For students who have completed the 7th Grade Algebra Course, this should be in: Summer Solutions Algebra B. [Link found here.](#)
- For students who have completed the first year of Algebra - Algebra A in 7th - you would order Summer Solutions Algebra 1 Part A. [Link found here.](#)
- Students will turn in the workbook on the first day of school. This work will not be graded for accuracy, though there are answers in the Workbook and students should check their work.

Chemistry

- Join the Google Classroom for the [Summer Chemistry Prep Course](#).
- If you join through Google Classroom, the code is "fpcnpq5"

English

You will NOT submit your work prior to school beginning. You will upload your summer assignments to Google Classroom during class the first week of school.

<i>Required Reading #1 - English</i>	<i>Corresponding Assignment Option #1</i>
<i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> by Ursula LeGuin. Choose <u>one</u> of the two corresponding assignment options! Note: LeGuin published <i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> in 1968. It is the first book in	Task: Ged's Shadow wants to become Marvel's next supervillain. Write a formal letter of application, detailing specific reasons that the Shadow would be an outstanding candidate for the role. Your response must be at least 150 words but cannot exceed 250 words Please add word count at the end of your letter.

<p>a series, but you are <u>not</u> required to read the other works unless you feel inspired!</p>	<p>Click HERE for a sample letter from Grendel applying for the same job.</p>
	<p><i>Corresponding Assignment Option #2</i></p>
	<p>Task: The Master Doorkeeper converses with Ged when the young wizard first arrives at the school (p.45-47) and again when he leaves the school (p.101-103). Write a journal entry <u>from the Doorkeeper's perspective about each meeting</u>. (Note: Your journal entry should use "I" or first person, with the "I" referring to the Doorkeeper).</p> <p>Matters to consider when drafting your two journal entries: Who is the Doorkeeper and what is his job? What does the Doorkeeper first think of Ged and how does his perception change? Why does the Doorkeeper challenge Ged and how does he view Ged's reactions?</p> <p>Your <u>total</u> word count for these entries should be at least 150 words but cannot exceed 250 words. Please add a word count at the end of the journal entries.</p>

<i>Required Reading #2 - English</i>	<i>Corresponding Assignment</i>
<p>Read one self-selected book - - Free choice, though please be sure to pick a book that is at a middle school or higher level.</p>	<p>Task: Write a brief summary of the book that includes why you chose your book and what you liked about it.</p> <p>Your response must be at least 125 words but cannot exceed 200 words. Please add word count at the end of your paragraph. Click HERE for a sample review.</p>

<i>Required Reading #3 - History</i>
<p>Read a work of Greek mythology such as <i>D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths</i>. If you have read extensively in this area, you may select a book of your choice that has some element of mythology in it!</p>



OPTIONAL (BUT FUN) PHOTO CONTEST

Optional Photo Contest: Take a photo of yourself reading in an unlikely location and email it to ldebeer@thelexingtonschool.org. In the subject line, include your first and last name, as well as your location (ex. Lauren de Beer / Daniel Boone National Forest, KY). Be creative! Read at the top of the Empire State Building, in a canoe, or while climbing the Red River Gorge (be careful)! We will have prizes for everyone who participates and a grand prize drawing!

Frequently Asked Questions about Self-Selected Reading

1. *May I read a book I've previously read?* No, we'd like you to experience new stories. Of course, you can read a new book by an author that you enjoy.
2. *May I read a graphic novel?* Yes
3. *How long should the book be?* If you're counting the pages, you're missing the spirit of the assignment.
4. *May I listen to an audiobook?* Yes, exposure to a good book can happen in all kinds of formats. Follow along in a printed copy.

The Kentucky Association of School Librarians [Kentucky Bluegrass Award \(KBA\)](#) has a great selection of titles for a variety of reading levels.

The American Library Association has a great website with [summer reading resources](#) for a variety of reading levels.