



WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 4 – 8

While the summer is a great time for students to have fun, relax, and enjoy themselves in camps, recreation programs, and vacation destinations, it is also a time when students tend to lose some of the skills they have acquired during the school year. Often the first couple of months of the school year are spent reviewing skills that students were taught previously, when teachers would prefer to move forward and cover new content so students can experience more success in the classroom.

This summer we would like your child to avoid the “Summer Slide” by encouraging them to read. Please have them read any book of their choice. Also, again we will be offering **Newsela**, which is a collection of nonfiction news articles, allows students the ability to adjust their Lexile reading level, test their reading comprehension, and annotate articles. Students can self-select articles based on their interests. Please encourage your child to read one article each week this summer to practice their reading skills.

Newsela is easy to access. Please follow these directions:

- Login at <https://newsela.com/> with the **G Sign in with Google** option to sync with your Westampton Schools email account. This provides access to NewsleaPRO.
- Every student has a Westampton Schools G-mail account. Your account username is your 8th grade graduation year, first initial, full last name @students.westamptonschools.org. So if John Smith is graduating 8th grade in 2022, his username would be 2022jsmith@students.westamptonschools.org.
- Everyone’s default Google password is **Westampton** – you should change this the first time you log on. Be sure to keep your password somewhere safe

Lastly, we would like your child to complete the Summer 2018 Reading Questionnaire. Please click on the link below to answer this brief questionnaire.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw4KrUMUJ1-EVThn6R5scUUpqGVvHP6hkyz4r3uo0ApNh8g/viewform?usp=sf_link

If there are any questions during the summer, please contact the Curriculum Office at 609-267-8565 ext. 2113. Thank you in advance for supporting this educational endeavor and affording our students the best education possible.

Yours in Education,

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