Simpson Middle School Summer Reading

Hello and Happy Summer:

Research has demonstrated that no other activity has the potential to promote student success and improve quality of life than reading. Parents who foster a love of reading in their children give them advantages over their peers who don’t read: increased empathy, expanded vocabulary, developed analytical skills, and even heightened earning potential. \* Please, at a minimum, encourage your student to complete the summer reading, but don’t stop there! Take trips to the public library and create time and space for regular reading together as a family. For more information about the benefits of reading, check out this article: <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

Simpson Middle School is asking for students to pick a book or multiple books from the grade level specific Springboard, grade-level appropriate texts and log your minutes in Beanstack. Beanstack is our summer reading platform again this summer! It's like a "fitbit for reading" and is available online and as an app. The Summer Reading Challenge will begin on June 1, 2023 and end on July 31, 2023.

Beanstack makes it easy to track everything you read, whether it’s a book, e-book, audiobook, or even the back of the cereal box! See everything you’ve read, share reading with friends, and keep your daily reading streak alive. Get motivated to meet your reading goals with new reading challenges and virtual badges.

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| Upcoming 8th Grade Students | [8th Grade List](https://cobbk12org-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/matthew_brown_cobbk12_org/EWOyQevqo4VBs_MCrnuo-psBk_lzoBna9mY6-I-rb0xKBg?e=DrE6uM) |
| Upcoming 7th Grade Students | [7th Grade List](https://cobbk12org-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/matthew_brown_cobbk12_org/EQud6PyRI49En7UkbGreb5cBLSRq9S384_hTI8Y2iMx1nQ?e=BCSXQm) |
| Upcoming 6th Grade Students | [6th Grade List](https://cobbk12org-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/matthew_brown_cobbk12_org/EeJrEsW0GRxDrPZ4ibLn0FwB4GgWSCzNqhcw9yEx4VMAhw?e=KePnRn) |

Summer Reading Assignment:

1. **SET A GOAL**! Current research says that students should be reading at least 20 minutes a day.
2. Read a text or texts from your grade level reading list.
3. As you read, log into Beanstack and record your minutes (please see Log Reading on the attached Beanstack Guide).
4. When finished reading the text, write a review (please see Write a Review on the attached Beanstack Guide).

Assignment:

1. **Record your minutes-** your ELA/Reading teachers will be able to check them at the beginning of August.
2. **Write a Review-** share why you like or did not like the book. Please do not just write why you liked or did not like your selection. Give at least THREE reasons why.
3. **Enjoy what you are reading**. You can choose from a wide variety of texts.