



Summer Work Packet 2018 Incoming Grade 8

Reading	Read <i>Rifles for Watie</i> by Harold Keith. Write a summary of the book. Discuss at least 2 important lessons Jeff learned and discuss how he came to understand them.
Reading list	We encourage all students to read throughout the summer. (See suggestions below.)
Language Arts	<p>Go to IXL and sign in using your email and complete all the starred skills in Grade 8 Language Arts. Items are complete when you reach a smart score of 80.</p> <p>Distinguish facts from opinions</p> <p><u>Identify thesis statements</u></p> <p>Choose evidence to support a claim</p> <p>Determine the main idea</p> <p>Which sentence is more formal?</p> <p>Compare passages for tone</p> <p><u>Identify author's purpose</u></p> <p><u>Compare and contrast</u></p> <p>Match causes with their effects</p> <p><u>Identify the narrative point of view</u></p> <p><u>Identify the source of allusions</u></p> <p>Interpret figures of speech</p> <p>Analyze short stories</p> <p><u>Read and understand informational passages</u></p> <p><u>Trace an argument</u></p>

**Middle School
Math**

Pre-Algebra:

- Complete Pre-Algebra Summer Math packet.

Algebra 1:

- 40 minutes IXL (10 minutes in the diagnostic, 30 minutes based on the recommended skills from the diagnostic.)
- Khan Academy – complete the Algebra 1: Foundations of Algebra sections – make sure to log in with your Mother of God account.
- Check Google Classroom for challenge problems periodically throughout the summer (Optional, however there is a prize for the most number of problems completed correctly on the first day of Algebra.)

Geometry:

- 40 minutes IXL (10 minutes in the diagnostic, 30 minutes based on the recommended skills from the diagnostic.)
- Work through the book *The Art of Argument* by Aaron Larson (You can get a copy of it here: <https://www.amazon.com/Art-Argument-Aaron-Larsen/dp/1600510183>). Have the assignments for at least the first 3 chapters completed by the first geometry class.

All assignments are due the 1st day of school.

Optional: For your reading enjoyment this summer

Please consider the following:

Little Women, Louisa Mae Alcott (1869)

The Fighting Ground, Avi

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi

A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32, Joan W. Blos

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte

The Moves Make the Man, Bruce Brooks

I'm Deborah Sampson, Patricia Clapp

Dawn of Fear, Susan Cooper

Undying Glory, Clinton Cox

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

April Morning, Howard Fast

The Burning Room, Paul Fleishman

Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes

The Slave Dancer: a novel, Paula Fox

Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank

Water Sky, Jean Craighead George

The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame

The House of Dies Drear, Virginia Hamilton

Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse

All Creatures Great and Small, James Herriot

Farewell to Manzanar, Jeanne Houston

Kira-Kira, Cynthia Kadohata

Rifles for Watie, Harold Keith

The Story of My Life: Helen Keller, Helen Keller

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place, E. L. Konigsburg

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, Jean Anne Latham

A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle

The Boy and His Horse, C.S. Lewis

Out of the Silent Planet, C.S. Lewis

The Sea-Wolf, Jack London

Good Night, Mr. Tom,
Michelle Magorian

Sojourner Truth: ain't I a woman?, Pat McKissack

Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maude Montgomery

The Righteous Revenge of Artemis Bonner, Walter Dean Myers

Streams to the River, River to the Sea, Scott O'Dell

Airborn, Kenneth Oppel

Lyddie, Katherine Paterson

Jip, His Story, Katherine Paterson

The Rifle, Gary Paulsen

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, Howard Pyle

The Light in the Forest, Conrad Richter

Interstellar Pig, William Sleator

Swiss Family Robinson, Robert Lewis
Stevenson

Travels with Charley: In Search of America,
John Steinbeck

The Hobbit, JR Tolkien

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Jules Verne

Izzy, Willy-Nilly, Cynthia Voigt

Amos Fortune, Freeman, Elizabeth Yates

Dragon's Gate, Laurence Yep

Dragonwings, Laurence Yep