

# John B. Connally Middle School

NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Summer Reading

Dear Parent,

Help avoid the “summer slide” by having your child read during the summer. Research has shown students who read over the summer improve their reading and writing skills, while students who do not read experience a decrease in their abilities. The goal of summer reading at John Connally Middle School is to prevent this slide and to strengthen your child’s skills through **free-choice reading**.

We recommend that students read **one book** (fiction or nonfiction). Below are links to review book titles to help your child narrow his/her choice to one book.

We encourage students who choose to read a novel during the summer to consider doing a book talk. The components for a book talk will be given to students when they start school in the fall. This assignment is **not required**; however, if your child completes this assignment and presents a book talk to his/her class, it will count as extra credit.

Students can access books at the public library, local book stores (Half Price Book Store), and online book sellers. The students are responsible for obtaining a copy of the book they choose to read.

If you have any questions, you may contact your child’s ELA teacher and I want to wish your child happy reading!

Ms. Estrada (Dept. Coordinator)

### Links to access book lists suggests:

<https://www.teenreads.com/>

<https://www.kidsreads.com/>

<http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star>

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school>