

Dear Students and Families,

Congratulations on another year finished! We hope you feel proud of the knowledge and skills you've gained as a reader this year.

This summer, we ask all students to **read the assigned book for their upcoming (rising) grade level**. If you just completed 5th grade, you are now a "Rising 6th Grade" student. Please make sure you read the correct book. We have listed purchasing options for paperback or audio on Canvas, but you are also welcome to check out a library book for free. Students enrolled in SJA courses for ELA do not need to complete this assignment, but they are welcome to read the books with their peers.

Next, we also ask all students to log into Canvas to print the "entry ticket" packets assigned for your book. Each grade level will focus on a series of skills that directly relate to year-long expectations in ELA. Once completed, these packets will contain the information you need to participate in ELA activities and assessments on your first week back in school. Bring this packet to school. You do not need to post anything to Canvas.

Finally, we ask all students to be ready to write during the first week of school. All students will complete a handwritten baseline writing assessment, specific to their summer reading book. Students, if you feel anxious or worried about handwriting or testing in general, challenge yourself to write a little each day or each week this summer to refresh your skills. Journals or vacation memory books are a great way to write daily.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your new ELA teachers:

6th grade - [Trisha Kirkbride](#) and [Summer Millican](#) (copy both)

7th grade - [Sydney Caleen](#) and [Summer Millican](#) (copy both)

8th grade - [Brandon Howland](#)

Remember, you are more than welcome to read beyond this requirement over the summer. In fact, we hope you will read far more than just this book. If you don't have a library card from Salt Lake County Library, you can get one [HERE](#).

Enjoy your summer,

The SJBMS ELA Faculty