



Mount Madonna Middle School Summer Assignments 2020-2021

6th Grade English - (1) Summer Reading Book: Anne M. Martin, *Rain Reign* / ISBN 978-1491530535; <https://www.indiebound.org/book/9781250073976> Read *Rain Reign* during the summer break. If using the audiobook, you must read along with the speaker using the paperback copy to keep track of events in each chapter. The creative project is due the first week of school (9/14 -- 9/18). Creative project is due the first week of school (9/14 -9/18). The assignment guidelines for the creative project can be found here:

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(2) English Language Arts Practice: Continue work on grammar and writing by completing the next 10 Lessons in Quill.org, (Lessons on Quill are based on your last diagnostic test on Quill). You must be finished with the 10 Lessons in Quill by 9/11.

7th Grade Medieval World History - Summer Reading Book: Avi, Crispin: *The Cross of Lead* (2004) / ISBN 9780786816583; <https://www.indiebound.org/book/9780786816583> Read Crispin during the summer break. If using the audiobook, you must read along with the speaker using a paperback copy of the book to keep track of events in each chapter. The creative project is due the first week of school (9/14 -- 9/18). The assignment guidelines for the creative project can be found here:

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8th Grade U.S. History - Summer Reading Book: Laurie Halse Anderson, *Chains* (The Seeds of America Trilogy) / ISBN 978-1416905868; <https://www.indiebound.org/book/9781416905868> Read *Chains* during the summer break. If using the audiobook, you must read along with the speaker using the paperback copy to keep track of events in each chapter. The creative project is due the first week of school (9/14 -- 9/18). The assignment guidelines for the creative project can be found here:

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Performing Arts I

Song Share begins first week of classes. All participate. Choose a section of a song (no more than 90 seconds) that you like and are capable to share. Avoid lyrics with profanity, put downs of cultural, gender, ethnic or religious group, or that contain explicit sexual descriptions, or violent images. This is not about who sings well or who feels they do not. Nor is it a preliminary audition for the winter shows. Instead, the purpose is to establish a bond between the members of group by taking a personal risk. Singing can be a vulnerable experience. If the adventure sounds ominous, hang in there; it actually is very liberating. We appreciate for new and for returning students (as well as teachers who also participate), the experience creates a few butterflies. Yet, in the end, everyone survives. On the field trips that start our year, new students should talk with their classmates about song share. They will see

that everyone is in the same boat. Once song share begins, let the veteran students go first and see how the room responds to one another while we sing. It may sound scary, but it is a "good" scary. Not like crossing the freeway blindfolded...

Song Share recommendations:

1. The selection can be short, even a minute is fine- 2 verses + chorus.
2. Pick a song you like, in your vocal range that does not jump too high or low.
3. Avoid "Happy Birthday", "Twinkle Twinkle" or "Star Spangled Banner"- If you think the song is silly or inconsequential, it will be hard to present it fully.
4. Songs that are rhythmic or percussive (Rap) are okay, but make sure lyrics are appropriate.
5. As for accompaniment, some students have played guitar or piano while singing. Most, if not all, sing acapella. Again, the experience is built around singing. Regarding duets, it is better to sing alone.

6th Grade Math - 1 hour/week MAP Recommended Practice on Khan Academy, June 22 - August 16 (8 hours total). Log in to www.khanacademy.org with Google (use MMS account and password). Go to www.khanacademy.org/mappers and work in any area.

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8th Grade Math – *Math placement letters and summer work will be emailed separately from the registrar in early July.*