

Summer Learning- 7th Grade Language Arts

Dear future 7th grader,

Welcome to the summer before your 7th grade school year! Having finished 6th grade, you are now an expert at all things middle school. You know how to work independently, productively, and show pride in your work. In 7th grade, you will continue and expand on the skills you accomplished last year. These skills include; essay writing, fiction and non fiction reading and analysis, editing grammar, identifying literary devices and figurative language, and public speaking. Below you will find a list of activities that will help prepare you, and keep your skills sharp, for the upcoming year. You will also find a link to the scope and sequence of our Language Arts [Springboard Curriculum](#).

Happy summer learning,

Mrs. Dubendorf

7th grade- Language Arts and Social Studies

Summer Reading

- Read at least 1 non fiction book
- Read at least 1 fiction book
 - As you are reading, pause to ask questions and make inferences about the events or information in the book. Be on the lookout for figurative language and literary devices used by the author. Summarize the book for a friend or family member.

iReady Reading

- 40 minutes per week

Summer Writing Practice

- Write 1 essay for each of the following categories; expository/informative, persuasive, narrative. Essays should be in 3 paragraph format: 1.introduction 2.body 3.conclusion. Introduction paragraphs should begin with a hook sentence and end with a thesis statement.
 - **Ideas for narrative prompts:**
 - 1. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "You must do the thing you think you cannot do." Write a narrative about a time when you did something you thought you could not do. Be sure to include specific details so that a reader can follow your story.

- 2. Think about a time when something unexpected happened. Write a narrative in which you tell about an unexpected event that happened to you or someone you know. Be sure to include specific details so that a reader can follow your story.
- 3. You have made a very important discovery—one that will make you famous throughout the world. Write a story in which you tell about your discovery and how you made it. Be sure to include details about the setting and any characters in the story, and be sure that your story has a beginning, a middle, and an end.
- 4. Think of your best day in school. What happened that makes this day stand out in your memory? Write a story for a friend that tells about what happened on this day in school.
- **Ideas for persuasive prompts:**
 - 1. A wealthy donor plans to build a new facility that will benefit young people in your area. It could be a swimming pool, a theater, a skateboard park, an art school, or any other facility that would provide young people with constructive ways to spend their time. The donor is not sure what kind of facility would be most useful. Write a letter to the donor in which you identify the type of facility you would like to have built, and persuade her that it is the best choice. Be sure to support your opinion with convincing reasons and evidence.
 - 2. Your principal wants to invite a celebrity speaker to your school. Think about the celebrity you would choose to have speak; then, write a letter to persuade your principal to invite this person. Be sure to include convincing reasons and details to support your choice.
 - 3. Girls and boys often enjoy playing the same sport. Some people believe that girls and boys should be able to play on the same team. What is your opinion on this issue? Write an essay stating your opinion and supporting it with convincing reasons. Be sure to explain your reasons in detail.
 - 4. It has been said that television has little real educational value. What is your opinion on this issue? Write an essay stating your opinion and supporting it with convincing reasons. Be sure to explain your reasons in detail.
 - 5. The principal of your school is considering conducting random locker searches several times a year without letting students know in advance. What is your position concerning this issue? Write a

letter to the principal stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons. Be sure to explain your reasons in detail.

- **Ideas for expository/informative essay:**
 - 1. Imagine that you could give advice to someone—it could be someone you know personally, a historical figure, or a famous person living today. Write an essay that identifies the person and the advice you would give. Choose a familiar subject so that you can provide details and elaboration that explain why this person needs your advice.
 - 2. In an essay, explain how disappointments can have a good side.
 - 3. Write an essay explaining why someone you care about is important to you.
 - 4. "Dress for success" is a phrase all of us have heard before, but it means something different to each person. Write an essay explaining what "dress for success" means to you.
 - 5. Write an essay to explain why honesty is important in a friendship.

Grammar Practice

- [Figurative Language Slide Deck](#) (make a copy to edit slides) *answer key not provided
- [Vocabulary-Nouns](#) (make a copy to edit slides) *answer key provided
- [Digital Grammar](#) (make copy to edit) *answer key provided

Springboard Scope and Sequence

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