



March 1, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As this school year draws to an end and we prepare for summer vacations, we would like to remind you that according to the M-DCPS Comprehensive Reading Plan, students are required to read during the summer. The required summer reading list is shown below.

Students are asked to maintain a daily reading schedule and sign the attached reading log. Once the school year begins each individual teacher will have an appropriate assessment for the novel assigned. The summer reading log and the summer reading assessment specified by the teacher will be included for a grade during the first quarter of the 2016 academic year.

During summer, the most updated summer requirements can be found at ponce.dadeschools.net.

**Required Summer Reading for Ponce Middle School
2016-2017**

Students entering the sixth grade will select two books as follows:

- Regular English language arts will read *Artemis Fowl The Arctic Incident* by E. Colfer and *Esperanza Rising* by P. Munoz Ryan.
- IB, gifted, or advanced English language arts will read *Among the Hidden* by M. Haddix and *Esperanza Rising* by P. Munoz Ryan

Students entering the seventh grade will select two books as follows:

- Regular English language arts will read *Where the Red Fern Grows* by W. Rawls and *Tangerine* by E. Bloor.
- IB gifted or gifted English language arts will read *Greek Myths* by Olivia Coolidge and *Schooled* by Gordon Korman. Students entering this grade and in this level, please see the attached summer reading assignment.
- IB advanced or advanced English language arts will read *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis and *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep.

Students entering the eighth grade will select two or three books as follows:

- Regular English language arts will read *Slam!* by W.D. Myers and *Lyddie* by K. Paterson
- IB gifted or gifted English language arts will read *Night* by E. Wiesel, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stories of the Supernatural* by R.L. Stevenson, and *Fahrenheit 451*, by R. Bradbury.
- IB advanced or advanced English language arts will read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by H. Lee and *The Book Thief* by M. Zusak.

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We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming school year.

**PONCE DE LEON MIDDLE SCHOOL
READING ACHIEVEMENT LOG**

I have read for 30 minutes daily from June 10, 2016 through August 21, 2016

1. Book Title: _____ Author: _____

2. Book Title: _____ Author: _____

Print Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Student Signature: _____ Period: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PONCE DE LEON MIDDLE SCHOOL
ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Ponce de Leon Middle School promotes personal integrity in all areas of life including the learning process. The goal of Ponce Middle School's Academic Honesty Policy is to ensure that teachers, students, and parents understand and practice values and skills that result in an academically honest environment.

As part of Approaches to Learning, students learn the value of thoughtful investigation, of giving others credit for their work, and of synthesizing information so that it becomes part of the students' body of knowledge, rather than an empty exercise in copying others' creations. Students also learn to recognize when collaboration is appropriate and when it is not appropriate.