

Skills Focus for Middle School Students

	Reading	Writing	Suggestions and Resources for Summer
Incoming 7th Graders	As 7th graders, students will read a variety of literary and informational texts. Students should understand the difference between theme and central idea and be able to identify them in a text. Students should be able to describe how a story's plot unfolds and how characters respond and change throughout the text.	Students need to have a strong foundation in basic grammar and punctuation. Students should know the difference between a sentence and a fragment, as well as the appropriate capitalization and punctuation for sentences. Students should be able to respond to questions and cite textual evidence to support their ideas.	<p>Students should read a grade-appropriate novel for twenty minutes a day. Students are encouraged to continue writing through the summer by summarizing texts, keeping a daily journal, etc.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Lit is a national, grassroots literacy movement committed to increasing access to culturally relevant books and promoting a love of reading in schools and communities. You can find their top book picks at https://jarredamato.wordpress.com/2019/05/17/project-lit-mailbag-book-lists-tips-and-reminders/ • Students can find high interest articles at http://www.kellygallagher.org/article-of-the-week • Students can access free grammar/writing practice at https://www.noredink.com/