

Skills Focus for Middle School Students

	Reading	Writing	Suggestions and Resources for Summer
<p>Incoming 8th Graders</p>	<p>Students entering the 8th grade should focus on their reading stamina. In the 8th grade, students will be expected to read a variety of literary and informational texts for basic comprehension. The majority of this reading will take place outside of the classroom.</p> <p>Students should be able to answer the questions “What topic is addressed in the text?” and “What events, individuals, and ideas are important” for any given text.</p>	<p>Students entering the 8th grade 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 write a comprehensive, objective summary of a text they have read using varied sentence structures.</p>	<p>Students should read a grade-appropriate novel for twenty minutes a day and at least once a week, respond to the reading by answering the questions “What topic is addressed in the text?” and “What events, individuals, and ideas are important” with evidence from the text to support their answers.</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/