

SAGE Summer 2020 Reading

Incoming Third Graders:

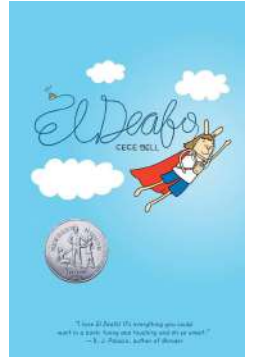
Students should read the book **“El Deafo”** by Cece Bell. Be prepared to have discussions about the book during the first week back to school in September.

As they read, students should think about:

**What kind of character is Cece?*

**How has she changed from the beginning of the book to the end?*

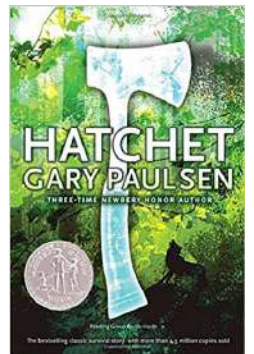
Students should practice math facts for addition and subtraction and practice multiplication if they have begun learning it. It’s also a great idea for students to write and keep a journal throughout the summer.



Incoming Fourth Graders:

Students should read the book **“Hatchet”** by Gary Paulsen and be prepared to discuss the book during the first week of school. Students are encouraged to take notes on how the protagonist’s thoughts, words, and actions make the character complicated. We will also discuss the setting and theme.

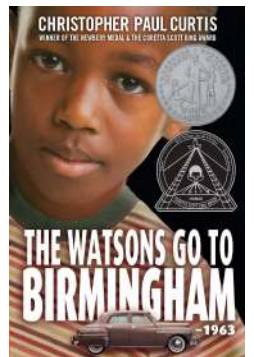
The fourth grade teachers recommend practicing basic multiplication facts. Our first math unit focuses on long division, and mastering multiplication facts will make long division much easier.



Incoming Fifth Graders:

Students should read **“The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963”** by Christopher Paul Curtis. In September, we will begin using this shared text to discuss many aspects of characters in novels. While they read, students should think about the character’s motivations and actions. Also, be aware of the historical significance of the time this book is set in. Students should put post-its in their books when they recognize signposts in the story, and evidence of theme.

Incoming fifth graders can continue to use IXL to practice math skills. We will start 6th grade math in September. Look over 5th grade skills on IXL and practice ones that were more difficult this last year.



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All SAGE Students:

Plan to **read the complete text at least two times**. If you are planning to read your book right away this summer, plan to read it again closer to the start of the school year. Students will need their assigned books in class during the first two weeks of school.

We have a limited amount of these books available to borrow from WestWood. If you feel as though you cannot obtain your own copy of your assigned book, please reach out to the indicated grade level teacher below as soon as possible. We can set up a time for you to pick up your book before this school year ends.

All books are available on Amazon, or could be borrowed from the local library. Scott County Library is utilizing curbside pickup at this time. Half-Price Books is another great spot to find books at a discount.

Students should also read many other books they enjoy during the summer.

*We are looking forward to meeting with you and getting to know you as readers!
Be sure to set a reading goal for yourself this summer and enjoy the time you have to savor what you're reading.*

Enjoy your summer & never stop learning!

Teachers to contact to borrow a book

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