

Eagles Landing Middle School 2019 Summer Reading Program

For Incoming 7th Grade Students

Welcome to the Eagles Landing Middle School Summer Reading Program! All students are required to participate and will be assessed at the beginning of the upcoming school year. Eagles Landing Middle School believes in promoting a high degree of academic excellence in our students, which begins with a strong foundation in reading.

Directions for participation in our reading program:

1. Over the summer, read **one** of the assigned novel options listed below.
2. Use your knowledge of the novel to respond to the attached writing prompts.
3. Turn your written response into your Language Arts teacher any time during the first two weeks of school to receive your points / grade.
4. About two weeks into the new school year, a Reading Counts quiz on the selected novel may be made available in the classroom or on computer.

OPTIONS (Choose one)

Regular

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

*By James Patterson
(700 Lexile)*

Esperanza Rising

*By Pam Munoz Ryan
(740 Lexile)*

Advanced/Gifted

Peak

*By Roland Smith
(780 Lexile)*

The Graveyard Book

*By Neil Gaiman
(820 Lexile)*



Summer Reading Program: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. Where can I obtain a copy of the recommended books?

Books may be purchased almost anywhere that books are sold. ELMS does not recommend or endorse any particular purchasing location, but has notified some local book stores and public library locations of our summer reading program. They are:

Barnes and Noble: 1400 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 561-750-2134

SW County Regional Library: 20701 95th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 561-482-4554

West Boca Branch Library: 18685 State Road 7, Boca Raton, FL 561-470-1600

2. Where can I obtain additional copies of the book list and/or the book report?

Copies are available at the local bookstore, in the public libraries listed above, on the Eagles Landing website (www.edline.net/pages/ELMS), and in the school Student Services office during summer hours.

3. Is the program mandatory?

Yes. All incoming or returning students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are required to read the listed book during the summer or within the first two weeks of the school year. The book report is required. Teachers will be planning instruction for the first several weeks around the summer reading book.

4. I have just enrolled at Eagles Landing Middle School. Do I still have to participate?

Students enrolled on or after **August 1, 2019** are exempt from the program but may participate if they choose to do so. Eagles Landing strongly encourages all newly enrolled students to participate.

Tips for success:

An application for a Palm Beach County Library card is available through Edline at www.edline.net/pages/ELMS.

The public library has computers you can use for free!

If you don't understand something on this handout, use the internet to look it up.

Start reading the book early in the summer in order to finish the book and the report.

7th Grade Summer Reading

Regular:

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment By James Patterson

Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "flock"--Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel--are just like ordinary kids--only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time...like when Angel, the youngest member of the flock, is kidnapped and taken back to the "School" where she and the others were experimented on by a crew of wack-jobs. Her friends brave a journey to blazing hot Death Valley, CA, to save Angel, but soon enough, they find themselves in yet another nightmare--this one involving fighting off the half-human, half-wolf "Erasers" in New York City. Max and her adopted family take the ride of their lives. Along the way Max discovers that her purpose is to save the world--but can she?

Esperanza Rising By Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

Advanced/Gifted:

Peak By Roland Smith

After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life.

The Graveyard Book By Neil Gaiman

In this Newbery Medal-winning novel, Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place—he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings—such as the ability to fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead? And then there are beings such as ghouls that aren't really one thing or the other.

Summer Reading Written Response

Please follow these guidelines:

- Write a heading with your name, the novel title, and author.
- Each response should be **five to seven sentences**.
- Typed responses should be 12 point, Times New Roman font, and double-spaced.
- If you are unable to type your response, it should be legibly written in pencil or black or blue pen on binder paper.
- Proofread for spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.

Remember to support your answers with textual evidence. Textual evidence is:

- a quotation copied directly from the book with quotation marks and a page number.

OR

- paraphrased information in your own words that provides specific descriptions of characters, events, and settings.

DIRECTIONS: Respond to **FOUR** of the five prompts below. All work must be your own. Plagiarism is NOT tolerated at Eagles Landing Middle School.

1. **Title:** Explain the significance of the title of the book. What does it mean and how does it relate to the character(s) and events of the novel? Provide at least two pieces of textual evidence to support your answer.
2. **Conflict:** Describe the primary problem or conflict of the novel. Explain how the conflict begins, what the protagonist does to solve the problem, and the end result. Provide at least two pieces of textual evidence to support your answer.
3. **Character Development:** Write an explanation of how the protagonist changes from the beginning of the novel to the end. Begin by describing the protagonist's character traits at the beginning of the novel and provide at least one piece of textual evidence. Then explain the significant event(s) that caused the character to change. Finally, describe the protagonist's character traits at the end of the novel and provide at least one piece of textual evidence.
4. **Theme:** What is the main theme of the novel? Provide at least three specific events from the novel that develop this theme.
5. **Reader's Reaction:** Write a review of the novel. Explain whether you enjoyed reading the novel and why or why not. Explain who would enjoy reading this book and provide one piece of specific textual evidence to support your answer.